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Israel poll shows Likud facing defeat

An Israel TV exit poll projected an election defeat for the ruling Likud party, suggesting that the Labour-led bloc would fall one seat short of an outright majority. The poll gave Labour 47 seats to Likud's 33 in the 120-seat parliament with 13 seats for Labour's likely ally, the left-wing Meretz bloc, and four for Arab parties. Page 12

Mirror's profit gone

Prospective bidders will start queuing once again after Mirror Group Newspapers detailed more than 40 "unusual" transactions by former management, led by the late Robert Maxwell, in its 1991 report and accounts. MGN's operating profits of £53.7 million were completely eroded by extraordinary provisions of £421 million to account for the misappropriation of company cash and pensions assets. As a result, MGN made a loss of £388 million. Page 19

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Hospital closures call

A report has suggested that if London is to be guaranteed a good standard of health care into the next century, at least 15 big hospitals in the capital should be closed, with a loss of 5,000 beds. The King's Fund Commission on London concludes that far too much is spent on hospital care that does not serve the population well, while development of primary care has been neglected. Page 4

Acid sentences

Sentences of ten and nine years were imposed on two men who temporarily blinded an elderly woman by spraying acid in her face during a burglary at her cottage. Mr Justice Rousfield told the pair that their victim had more courage in her little finger than they had "on your nasty, cowardly bodies". Page 3

Protest fails

French peasant farmers, protesting against the common agricultural policy, disrupted traffic around Paris, but fell short of their goal of cutting off the capital and blocking a procession of deputies to Versailles where they voted to approve the Maastricht treaty. Page 10

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Council preparing to embark on expensive publicity campaigns to ensure their own survival in the forthcoming local government reorganisation, risk being capped. Page 6

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Rising project costs and a shortage of government money will mean that the Channel tunnel rail terminal at King's Cross will not be completed before the turn of the century. Page 5

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Nuclear Electric, Britain's biggest nuclear power company, has signalled the start of a campaign to win public acceptance for the expansion of its Sizewell site in Suffolk. Page 2



Courting triumph: an exuberant Jeremy Bates celebrating his Wimbledon singles victory over the seventh seeded American Michael Chang. Bates, ranked 113th in the world, was never seriously troubled as he won 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 to achieve the most unexpected success by a British male player at the championships since John Lloyd beat Roscoe Tanner 15 years ago. Wimbledon, pages 29, 30

ANC ends talks and pleads for world help

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A LIST of demands aimed at ending two years of terror in the black townships of South Africa was presented to the government by the African National Congress last night after a meeting of its national executive committee.

The ANC officially broke off all talks with the government, both bilateral and within the framework of the Commission for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) to enforce its demands.

Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, said that the demands were perfectly reasonable. He told a press conference in Johannesburg that they "are do-able. They are not outrageous."

The ANC is also appealing to the international community to assist in its struggle to bring white minority rule in South Africa to an end.

Officials plan to discuss with the country's sporting bodies a possible withdrawal from the Olympic Games in Barcelona and other international competitions. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, has also appealed for a United Nations monitoring force to be sent to South Africa. "I have asked for a meeting of the security council, which I shall address," he said.

The ANC demands that the government carry out the following measures: that it should end all covert operations "including hit-squad activity"; that all special forces should be disbanded and confined to barracks, "as well as detachments made up of foreign nationals"; that it should suspend and prosecute all members of the security forces involved in repression; and that it should end repression in the self-governing homelands.

The national executive's list of demands also includes a number stemming from the violence that has been emanating from the townships, which have fallen increasingly into the hands of the mainly-Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party. An agreement was reached on the subject last year, but it is yet to be implemented and the ANC is now insisting that it is acted upon.

The movement wants the hostels phased out, closed and reopened as family unit accommodation. It wants fences installed round the hostels, and guards posted at the perimeter, who should be "monitored by multi-party peace structures". The ANC also wants regular searches of the hostels and a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons in public, "including so-called cultural weapons".

This issue has been a sore point between Mr Mandela and the de Klerk government since many people have been killed by Zulu spears, swords and knobkerries.

In addition, the ANC is seeking an "international commission of enquiry" into last week's Boipatong massacre and it is calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners. Finally, it wants the repeal of all repressive legislation, "including those laws which were so hastily passed during the last days of the recent session of parliament".

Mr Ramaphosa said: "Our people are compelled to live in a perpetual state of fear — be it in their homes, on their way to work, in trains and taxis, at funerals and vigils, at their places of work and entertainment." Mr Mandela said that he would meet government officials soon, "not for the purpose of having any discussion with them, but just to acquaint them with our demands". He added that if the government took practical steps that were adequate to meeting the ANC demands "the negotiations would be back on track".

The demands were announced as President de Klerk was flying back from a hastily curtailed visit to Spain. He will examine the list at a cabinet meeting today. The first government reaction came from Tertius Dolport, the deputy minister for constitutional development, who has been involved in the Codesa talks. He said he was stunned that the ANC had decided to withdraw. However, he said since it had presented a list of demands it seemed "as if they will return eventually".

MPs want spread of Aids virus outlawed

BY JOHN YOUNG

SEVERAL MPs last night called for legislation to make wilful transmission of Aids a criminal offence, as it is in other countries, including the United States and Australia. Their demands came after the disclosure that an unnamed man had infected four women, one of whom has since died. There were also calls for the man to be confined to hospital to prevent him from infecting any more unsuspecting partners.

Dame Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Edgbaston, said the man was in possession of something that was as dangerous as a gun or a knife.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, a junior health minister, said the government might review available powers under the Public Health Act in view of the case. "My understanding is that there are already public health regulations which may be brought to bear in this particular case, if that is the decision locally," he said. Liz Lynne, MP for Rochdale and spokeswoman on health for the Liberal Democrats, called for new legislation "as a matter of urgency. This incident has frightening implications. It should be a criminal offence for anyone knowingly to pass on the HIV virus," she said.

But the government's view appeared to be that the issue was more complex, and that there was evidence that legislation in other countries was ineffective.

Nick Partridge, chief executive of the Terence Higgins Trust, an Aids charity, said: "Legal measures would at best be only a partial solution, and poorly framed legislation Continued on page 18, col 5

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Family doctors vote against night and weekend working

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

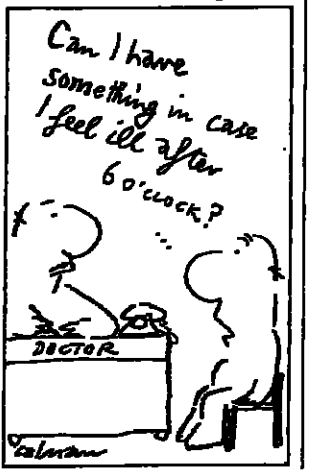
FAMILY doctors are on a collision course with the government after voting yesterday to end their commitment to provide 24-hour cover for patients.

At their annual meeting in London, the GPs called on the British Medical Association's ruling body to open negotiations with the health department on alternative means of providing cover at nights and weekends.

The vote comes after a survey of 25,000 GPs earlier this year which found that almost three-quarters wanted to end their 24-hour responsibility.

GPs at the meeting complained that a 72-hour working week left them exhausted and put patients at risk. Eric Rose, a member of the association's GPs committee, said: "Patients need a doctor who is alert and sympathetic, not tired and demoralised." However, rural GPs who do not have access to deputising services and must provide

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New York mob riots over dapper don's demise

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

THE sentencing of John Gotti, the brutal but enduringly popular head of America's most powerful Mafia family, sparked off riots by his supporters outside a New York courthouse yesterday.

Demonstrators greeted the news that Gotti had been jailed for life for racketeering and five murders by overturning cars, smashing windows and battling riot police. A man with a megaphone shouted "Free John Gotti, baby!" as fights broke out between marshals and the 1,000 Gotti supporters.

Gotti, 51, immaculately dressed as always in dark silk suit and bright yellow tie, smiled but remained silent after the judge passed sentence. "Get it over without anybody making any speeches," he had told his lawyer.

But Frank "Frankie Locs" Locascio, his co-defendant and henchman, took a

last opportunity to protest his innocence. "I am not guilty," he said. "But I am guilty. I am guilty of being a good friend of John Gotti. If there was more men like John Gotti, we would have a better country."

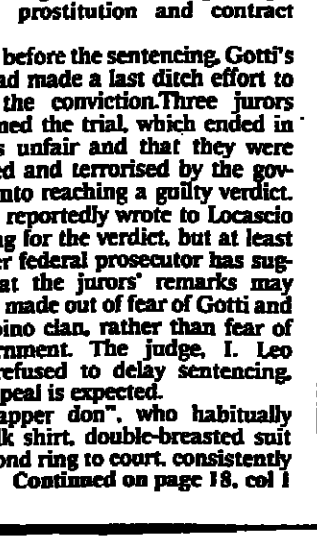
John Gotti's contribution to improving his country, according to prosecutors, was the ruthless murder of his enemies and efficient control over every aspect of the Gambino clan's criminal activities. According to the most damning witness for the prosecution, Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, he and Gotti sat watching from a limousine while Gotti's predecessor as family head, Paul Castellano, was shot down outside a New York steak restaurant in 1985. They then drove slowly past to inspect the corpse. Gravano admitted carrying out 19 murders, ten on Gotti's orders, but was promised leniency in exchange for his testimony.

As head of the family, Gotti controlled

America's five major Mafia families and dealt in drugs, loansharking, illegal gambling, prostitution and contract murder.

The day before the sentencing, Gotti's lawyers had made a last ditch effort to overturn the conviction. Three jurors have claimed the trial, which ended in April, was unfair and that they were pressurised and terrorised by the government into reaching a guilty verdict. One juror reportedly wrote to Locascio apologising for the verdict, but at least one former federal prosecutor has suggested that the jurors' remarks may have been made out of fear of Gotti and the Gambino clan, rather than fear of the government. The judge, J. Leo Glasser, refused to delay sentencing, and an appeal is expected.

The "dapper don", who habitually wore a silk shirt, double-breasted suit and diamond ring to court, consistently Continued on page 18, col 1



Gotti: familiar faces await him in prison

Major presses Delors on reform

BY ROBIN OAKLEY
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major urged Jacques Delors over dinner in Downing Street last night to spell out how the European Commission intends to reform the working of European Community institutions in line with the Maastricht treaty's commitment to subsidiarity.

The prime minister hopes that development of the subsidiarity concept, providing for national governments to take decisions unless there is a clear need for them to be made at EC level, will provide the key to ratification of the Maastricht treaty by the Danes after a further referendum. Ministers hope that this weekend's EC summit in Lisbon will begin discussions on how subsidiarity can be made a workable concept. Britain would then aim to produce more specific proposals during its six-month EC presidency from July 1.

The heads of government are expected to discuss the problems caused by the Danish vote against the Maastricht treaty, over dinner in Lisbon on Friday night. The informal agreement is that the Danes will be given until the autumn to decide what they want the EC to do. It will be up to the British presidency to find a way of doing it before the Edinburgh summit in December.

There appears to be a growing difference between Britain and the other EC nations over the speed at which enlargement of the Community should go ahead. Mr Major is keen to see the likely Efta applicants — Austria, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland and, possibly, Norway — in by January 1995, before the next inter-governmental conference on the future shape of EC institutions in 1996.

He wants the EC negotiating position prepared during the British presidency so that formal talks can begin as soon as possible in 1993. But other EC states are saying that nothing should be done until Maastricht has been ratified by all 12 partners and until the refinancing of the Community budget has been agreed.

Mr Major will also use the British presidency to press for the intensification of contacts with Central European countries and the development of their association status, with a view to their entry into the EC as early as possible.

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Emir gives £1m to help zoo

By PETER VICTOR

DAVID Bellamy, the naturalist and television presenter, addressed staff at London zoo yesterday as they campaigned to save the 166-year-old institution from closure.

About seventy fellows of the Zoological Society of London have called a special general meeting at which they will demand the resignation of the zoo's management.

The campaigners received a fillip yesterday with the news that the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, had donated £1 million to the zoo. A spokesman for the Kuwaiti embassy said: "His Highness the Emir has asked that this donation be considered as a gift from the children of Kuwait to the children of the United Kingdom."

The donation was greeted with delight by the zoo's management. Jo Gibbs, chief executive, said: "It is wonderful. We have a long term financial problem and perhaps this could be a beginning we could build on."



Rallying call: David Bellamy, the naturalist, addressing staff at London zoo yesterday as he urged them to fight the closure

Legal action to restrain HIV carrier ruled out

By CRAIG SETON

A MAN who allegedly infected four women sexual partners with HIV may have acted with regrettable irresponsibility rather than a wilful intention to infect, but would not be identified, the South Birmingham Health Authority said yesterday.

Senior officers of the authority and officials concerned with public health said yesterday there was little legally they could do other than make new attempts to

try to persuade the man to change his behaviour. There was no question of taking compulsory action against him at this time.

They spoke publicly on the case for the first time as an unnamed 24-year-old married haemophilic issued a statement through his Birmingham solicitors in which he denied that he had ever had sexual intercourse with any woman who had not been fully aware of his HIV

positive status. He said any claims or allegations to the contrary were simply untrue.

The developments in the case came after the authority confirmed reports that it believed a haemophilic with HIV had ignored advice to inform at least some of his sexual partners of his condition or to practise safe sex. It said four women were thought to have been infected and one had developed Aids and died six weeks ago. It

called a private meeting yesterday with the man's doctors and public health officials to examine what action, if any, it could take to prevent him spreading the infection further.

At a press conference after the meeting, Dr Bernard Crump, director of public health for the authority, said that the man's doctors would try to re-establish contact with him immediately and further vigorous efforts would be made to encourage him to readress his lifestyle and to "act more responsibly".

He said: "Whilst this may include the use of appropriate psychological help, the question of compulsory treatment under the Mental Health Act is not to be pursued at this time." There was no evidence he was mentally ill.

Dr Crump said that Birmingham City Council, responsible for public health, was taking legal advice but it seemed unlikely that public health legislation would offer a solution, particularly since the relevant act does not apply to those with HIV who are not symptomatic.

He said the authority had been advised that prosecution would be a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions should complaints be made to the police. "Wilful transmission" of HIV was not an offence in this country.

Dr Crump said those who had been in contact with the man said that he had been offered counselling, concerning the risks of transmission of HIV, over a number of years. "They had formed the view that his failure to comply with advice was a matter of regrettable irresponsibility rather than a wilful intention to infect," Dr Crump said. He rejected a claim that the authority was acting irresponsibly in not naming the man to ensure that women would know he posed a risk of HIV. He said that people would not come forward for HIV testing if the confidentiality rule was broken.

Concern at open skies fine print

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AS AIRLINE executives began studying the fine print of the agreement on liberalising air transport in Europe yesterday, concern was growing that remaining "safeguards" may prevent British airlines from taking advantage of the opportunities it was designed to present.

Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, while welcoming the agreement in principle, said: "In the coming weeks we are likely to see further attempts by some countries to slow down the liberalisation process. There is still a long way to go before European consumers can enjoy the practical benefits of highly competitive, low cost, air travel. We should not underestimate the difficulties of implementing the package reached yesterday."

The package, agreed after a ten-year battle by Britain to create free competition throughout Europe, was acclaimed by the prime minister as bringing more choice, better services and lower fares. It was, he said, "excellent news for the travelling public" and said he regarded the agreement as "a triumph by transport secretary John MacGregor".

Behind the scenes, however, there was growing doubt about the agreement. Although at first sight it appears to sweep away many of the restrictions governing air travel between member countries, it gives nations the right to ban new foreign airlines if their proposed services might add to congestion, if any new service may damage the environment in an unspecified way or if there are other forms of surface transport available.

Even if airlines do introduce lower fares individual countries can block them "at any time" if they believe they are unfair.

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Sizewell expansion signalled

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S biggest nuclear power company yesterday signalled the start of a campaign to win public acceptance for the expansion of its Sizewell site in Suffolk. John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric, said that the cheapest way to renew atomic generating capacity would be to build a third power station.

A third plant would cost less than half as much to build as the Hinkley C station and would provide cheaper power, he said. He acknowledged, however, that it would be unable to compete with coal or gas burning plants.

Any formal proposal to expand capacity at Sizewell would be likely to meet fierce resistance from environmental groups and residents. Simon Roberts, of Friends of the Earth, dismissed the claims as "Nuclear Electric's never never land".

All plans for new nuclear plants were suspended after privatisation of the electricity industry exposed the high costs of nuclear power. The government plans to review the future of the nuclear industry in 1994.

Mr Collier said that the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate had indicated that a new operating licence was unlikely to be needed if the third plant was of a similar type to the Sizewell B power station now being built. A public inquiry would almost certainly be necessary.

CORRECTION

A caption to a photograph accompanying a report (June 18) on Labour's enquiry into the party's electoral defeat incorrectly stated that actresses portrayed Jennifer Bennett and her mother in Labour's "Jennifer's ear" TV broadcast. In fact neither figured; the child's case provided the idea for the presentation, a generalised comment on ENT waiting lists for children.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Derbyshire police agree rescue deal

The Chief Constable of Derbyshire and the county council's Labour leadership agreed last night to a package of measures to improve Derbyshire's police service after the force was declared inefficient. They have been ordered by the Home Office to recruit 270 officers and support staff, improve buildings and the state of force vehicles, and modernise scientific support equipment within twelve months.

John Newing, the chief constable, is to report quarterly to Kenneth Clarke on the progress that is being made after the force became the first service to be refused a certificate of efficiency by the Inspectorate of Constabulary. The force will operate without a certificate until the next inspection in January 1993. A delegation from Derbyshire, including Mr Newing and political leaders met Earl Ferrers, the police minister, and agreed to implement the rescue package. They were told that Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, was appalled that the county council and police authority had allowed the force to deteriorate to the extent that it had been found inadequate.

Banker died in fall

A verdict of misadventure was recorded yesterday on a bank executive who fell to his death from a narrow ledge on the outside of a City of London office block. Leslie Hobby, 41, had drunk enough alcohol before the accident to impair his judgment, the inquest was told. Mr Hobby, a senior manager in the financial control division of National Westminster Bank, had found that his briefcase containing a rail ticket home and his car keys, had been locked in a conference room after a wine-tasting last April. He decided to inch his way along a one-foot wide ledge from a kitchen window. The St Pancras coroner was told that Mr Hobby recovered the case but lost his balance on the walk back after removing his trousers, apparently to avoid splitting them while climbing back in.

Longboat sails again

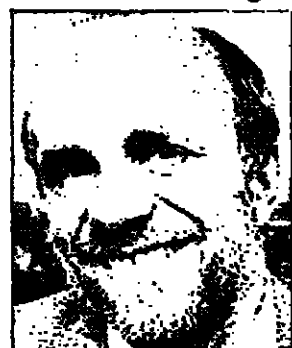
The crew of a replica twelfth century longboat who had to be rescued after running into difficulties northeast of the Outer Hebrides last week, yesterday sailed off from Orkney determined to reach the Faeroes unaided in spite of a warning from the coastguards who advised that they should be accompanied by a support vessel. Andrew MacDonald, skipper of the Aileach, said that that would have been contrary to the spirit of the adventure. The nine-man crew rowed out into a force four wind and moderate swell from Stromness with rougher weather threatening. The Aileach, which has had its steering gear strengthened for the 200-mile voyage, hopes to retrace as part of medieval research the ancient trading route of the sea kingdom once ruled by the MacDonald clan. The journey is expected to take four days.

Newspaper censored

The *News of the World* has been censured by the Press Complaints Commission for publishing an interview with Jan Francis, the actress, that was pieced together mainly from newspaper cuttings. In the interview, labelled as an exclusive, the newspaper's magazine said that Ms Francis left *Stay Lucky*, the television series, because she wanted more time with her children. She said this was inaccurate and, had she been asked about her decision, she would have pointed out that she left to advance her career. In another judgment, the commission says newspapers can be partisan in reporting election candidates, after a Liberal Party candidate complained he had less coverage than his Liberal Democrat opponent. But it said newspapers must distinguish between comment, conjecture and fact.

ITV's future 'healthy'

ITV is gearing up for a vibrant future as the main vehicle for television advertising, Greg Dyke, right, chief executive of London Weekend Television, told the Royal Television Society last night. He said that the system before the 1990 Broadcasting Act would have led to the long term decline of ITV, burdened with overmanning and weak management.



Peer settles libel

A libel action by Lord Stevens, the chairman of United Newspapers, was settled yesterday when he accepted a statement from *The Guardian* that it did not intend to suggest that he had evidence about Robert Maxwell's theft of £300 million from the Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund and had failed to disclose it to City regulatory bodies. Geoffrey Shaw, QC, told Mr Justice Judge in the High Court that a *Guardian* article had said that regulators would want to question Lord Stevens and others who appeared to have known of the misappropriation of funds. The suggestion was based on evidence to a Commons committee that Lord Stevens said at a City lunch that Maxwell might have milked the pension fund of £300 million. The remark merely repeated a rumour and did not reflect personal knowledge.

Diplomat convicted

A Thai diplomat was yesterday found guilty of smuggling 50kg of heroin with a street value of £7 million through Heathrow airport. Piseth Pamarapa, 44, of Richmond, southwest London, who was a first secretary at the Thai embassy in London at the time of the offence last August, will be sentenced later. Guildford Crown Court, Surrey, was told that he was a courier for a drugs smuggling ring. The embassy waived his diplomatic immunity.

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Computer angels take the stress out of screen games

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE most computer games force players to tingle with rage as evil aliens destroy the planet, a British company yesterday launched several games featuring mermaids and angels which require a more relaxed approach to win.

The games, part of a computer system called Relax-Plus, are the result of a decade of stress research at St Bartholomew's Hospital and Medical College in London. The system, an electronic stress therapist, is designed to teach aggressive people how to smooth the furrowed brow and curb a rising tide of damaging adrenaline.

Unlike conventional games, players control these using two electrodes fitted to their fingers which relay signals via a hand-held unit to the computer. The electrodes pick up electrical activity on the skin which reflects blood flows.

Changes in blood flow indicate how relaxed or stressed a person is, the team says. For example with *Evolve*, a com-

puter animated fish will swim forwards across the screen and turn into a mermaid, then a walking woman and finally a flying angel only if the skin's activity indicates a relaxed mind.

Car, another game, involves trying to park a car through an increasingly bewildering maze which can be achieved only if the player keeps calm. Other features of the system force players to learn how best to control stress. A graph moves across the screen and at key moments the system asks someone to tense and then relax to change the path of the graph.

Bernard Watson, professor of medical electronics at the medical college and scientific advisor to Ultramind, the London company formed to market Relax-Plus, said the measuring and recording of a person's performance was one of the key benefits.

In recent years, several curious devices have appeared on the market purporting to combat stress. These include New Age music-style tapes

and cassettes of twistering Amazonian rain forest birds to goggles that pulse red light and machines that try to trigger brain waves linked with relaxation.

Professor Watson said skin resistance and its connection with stress had been well reported in scientific and medical literature. "There are a lot of stress machines and systems but this one measures skin resistance which is definitely connected with relaxation. We have taken the cult out of this field and made it scientific."

The system, which the company hopes to market to health clubs, companies and for home use at £190 plus VAT, is to be tested on leukaemia patients at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Professor Watson said research indicated that children who were more relaxed had less nausea and vomiting during chemotherapy treatment. He said that the system had numerous potential applications in the home and in hospitals.

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Shire police rescue deal

Westminster and the county council agreed last night to a package of services. They have been ordered to provide a police officer and support staff and the state of force vehicles are to be replaced within 10 weeks.

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A 75-year-old man died on a hill in the south of London on the night of June 22. Leslie Hobbs, 75, was found by a neighbour on a hill in the south of London on the night of June 22. He was found by a neighbour on a hill in the south of London on the night of June 22.

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Justice demands that I show the same sympathy as you showed your victim, says judge

Burglars splashed acid into elderly woman's eyes

By a Staff Reporter

TWO men who temporarily blinded an elderly woman by spraying acid in her face while they were under the influence of drugs received ten and nine year sentences yesterday.

Mr Justice Rousfield told Anthony Langton, 23, and Jason Raby, 17, that they would have been given 15 years had they not changed their pleas to guilty. "Your target was a vulnerable old lady, an old lady who has more courage in her little finger than both of you in your nasty, cowardly bodies. Justice demands that I show the same amount of sympathy as you showed to your victim and I think you know how much that was."

Joan Cooper, 75, who was attacked during a burglary at her cottage in Banbury, Oxfordshire, on December 27 last year, suffered lung damage from the noxious fumes and will never fully regain her sight.

Langton, a "hopeless drug addict" who knew Mrs Cooper because he had bought a car from her for £50, was released from prison weeks before the attack, and Raby was in breach of a probation order. Langton will serve his sentence in prison and his accomplice in a young offenders' institution.

Langton admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent, possessing a bottle of ketchup as a weapon, aggravated burglary and

stealing a shirt, cigarettes, a mug and a bottle of rum from Mrs Cooper. Raby admitted causing grievous bodily harm and aggravated burglary.

The men, who shared a house in Banbury, had previously admitted a charge of arson, in which a stolen car used in the burglary was burnt out. Langton admitted stealing the car and Raby admitted being a passenger.

Mrs Cooper, who was released from hospital two weeks ago, said at her home yesterday: "I'm very glad that I didn't have to go to court and give evidence. I didn't want to go. I really couldn't face up to that."

Langton had a string of previous convictions, including ones for violence dating

back to the age of 12. Oxford Crown Court was told. The judge said that he believed Langton had used Raby to do his dirty work. He told Raby: "You were only 17, your mother had recently died, and it almost passes belief how a young man could attack an old woman like this."

The court was told how the pair, with a third youth who was not implicated in the offences, used a stolen car to travel to a DIY store in Banbury where they picked up a bottle of highly corrosive ketchup for the attack.

Paul Reid, for the prosecution, said that they drove through villages stealing gardening gloves before returning to Banbury at 6pm, when Langton told his friends that he knew an old woman with lots of money.

"Then Langton said, 'All you have to do is chuck the acid in her eyes and knock her over,'" Mr Reid said. It was after this that the car was driven into the driveway of Mrs Cooper's home and the two men knocked on her door, pretending to be looking for water because their car was overheating.

"While she went to the kitchen to fetch a container of water, Raby returned to the car and collected the ketchup and some gardening gloves. Raby was holding the descaler behind his back. He pushed Mrs Cooper heavily in the chest, knocking her some distance



Attackers: Jason Raby, left, and Anthony Langton, described as "nasty and cowardly" by the judge

into the hallway," Mr Reid said. "She recalls being punched repeatedly, her glasses falling from her face, a burning sensation and difficulty breathing as Raby splashed the ketchup descaler into her eyes. He thought he had not done a good enough job so poured some more over her forehead."

She fought back, called her attackers bastards and refused to tell them where she kept her pension book. Mr Reid said. Raby responded by kicking her repeatedly before they rifled through the ground floor rooms. They ripped the telephone wires from the wall and took the telephone.

Mr Reid said that when they returned to the car the third youth had gone. They picked him up down the road before using a can of de-icing fluid to set fire to the stolen car. Mrs Cooper groped her way to a neighbour.

Mrs Cooper said that she was delighted at the sentences. "I'm not bitter, I'm

too old for that, but I'm frightfully angry that people should be subjected to what I have been through. There are other ways of getting what you want without using acid."

"I thought they were going to kill me but I thought to myself, 'They're not going to get away with this.'"

Fewer owners lose homes

By Rachel Kelly
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

AN ESTIMATED 13,000 people had their homes repossessed in the first quarter of this year, down from 18,000 in the same period last year, according to figures in *Roof* magazine, published yesterday by the housing pressure group Shelter.

The number of owners in arrears has also fallen slightly. In March last year there were 784,900 loans in arrears, compared to 773,240 in March this year.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said that there had been a big reduction in the number of people in short-term arrears although the number in long-term arrears had increased. The main reason is that lenders have delayed repossessing homes of those in serious debt.

While the number of people with loans two months in arrears has fallen by 62,000, from 269,780 to 207,780, the number with six or more months' arrears has risen by 80,460, from 209,620 to 290,080.

Janet Ford of the Institute of Employment Research at Warwick University, who compiled the research for *Roof*, said that fewer loans had gone into arrears over the past year because of interest rate reductions. "Lenders have also reviewed their lending criteria and have often retreated from the riskiest lending," she said.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders estimates that 65,000 people will have their homes repossessed this year. "We expect better figures in the second half of the year because the direct payment of income support has only just started. Mortgage rescue schemes, which are making only a small contribution at the moment, will start making a bigger contribution," it said.

A broad consensus among politicians and housing experts is emerging on the need to bring back the private landlord, according to a report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which funds research into housing.

The report, *The future of private renting: A convergence of opinion*, said that the growing problem of homelessness over the past decade, rises in the number of mortgage repossessions, and the need for greater job mobility were among the reasons why more rented accommodation was urgently needed. The private rented sector has fallen from seven million properties in 1914 to fewer than two million.

The report says that if private landlords are to produce more homes, some form of subsidy will be needed, either grants or tax concessions, to achieve affordable rents and returns acceptable to investors.

Swindon players protected

By David Young

FOOTBALLERS who played for Swindon Town under the manager Lou Macari have been granted immunity from prosecution for tax offences, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Chris Kamara, one of the players granted immunity, told the court that the deal he had negotiated with Mr Macari to move to Swindon Town included a car, £2,000 if the club was promoted and an extra £30 a week from a supporters' club fund.

At Mr Kamara's request a contract confirming these arrangements, signed by Mr Macari and Mr Macari, was drawn up. Mr Kamara said that he did not regard the weekly payments as a tax fiddle. "As far as I was concerned it was part of my wages and how the club dealt with the tax was up to the club."

Another player, Charlie Henry, said that the manager gave him a £1,500 gift when he married in July 1986 but he did not know if tax had been deducted.

Mr Macari, the club chairman Brian Hillier, and the club's former accountant Vivian Farrar, all deny conspiring to cheat the Inland Revenue. The trial continues today.

Teachers reject criticism

By Matthew D'Ancona
EDUCATION REPORTER

THE LARGEST teachers' union yesterday responded angrily to a letter from John Patten, the education secretary, attacking its "troublesome behaviour" and alleged disregard for parents and pupils.

Mr Patten said that the "grossly irresponsible" criticisms of tests for seven-year-olds made by the National Union of Teachers belittled teachers' achievements in the classroom and conflicted with evidence reaching the education department.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the 170,000-strong union, said yesterday that he had no reason to question the union's research into last year's pilot tests and urged Mr Patten to follow the lead of the Scottish Office, which has issued a white paper setting out a more flexible form of assessment.

"Our request to Mr Patten is for teachers and parents in England and Wales to have the same opportunity for consultation as is offered in Scotland and on a similar system of assessment as is offered there," he said. "This would surely be far more constructive than sniping condemnations which belittle teachers' efforts."

Car and home premiums to rise by £120

THE average annual motor and household insurance bill will go up by an estimated £120, or 17 per cent, this year, the Association of British Insurers said yesterday.

Most households have seen premium increases of at least 20 per cent over the past year. Some could see their bills more than double.

Insurance companies sustained their worst losses last year because of a big increase in the number and size of claims. The total worldwide trading loss was £3.3 billion, 12 per cent more than the premium income coming in. The association calculated that for every £1 of premium collected in the UK, insurers paid £1.30 in claims and expenses.

Jan Rushton, the association's chairman, said that the average family "must expect

to pay around £100 per month more for their home and motor insurance over the coming year. Where the industry is making and foresees exceptional losses, the increases may be significantly greater. Those representing the greatest risk meet their true share of the bill."

Premium rises for customers considered high risk have been much more dramatic than the association's average. Norwich Union calculated that a 29 year old man driving a comprehensively insured Ford Escort XR3i performance car and living in a four bedroom house, costing £220,000 to rebuild, in London's Muswell Hill, an urban area with a high risk of subsidence, would see his total insurance bill rising by nearly £100 a month.

He would face premium

As insurance premiums soar, action is planned against false claims, writes
Sara McConnell

rises of over 100 per cent on his buildings insurance, up from £422.40 to £880 a year. The motor insurance bill would be £1,494, up from £1,001, a 48 per cent increase, while his contents bill would have gone up from £218.40 to £382.20 a year.

Insurers have already started to impose risk-related premiums for buildings insurance, with householders in London and the South East, at greatest risk from storm damage and subsidence, among those whose premiums may already have dou-

bled. Subsidised claims, mostly dating from the hot summers of 1989 and 1990, cost insurers £540 million, against £505 million last year. This year's cost is four times the £80 million insurers would expect to pay in subsidence claims in an average year.

The cost of insuring performance cars has also risen sharply in the last year, mainly because they are most tempting for thieves.

Motor theft claims rose by 36 per cent from £432 million in 1990 to £526 million in 1991. Theft from homes rose by 62 per cent to £590.7 million, against £363.9 million in 1990.

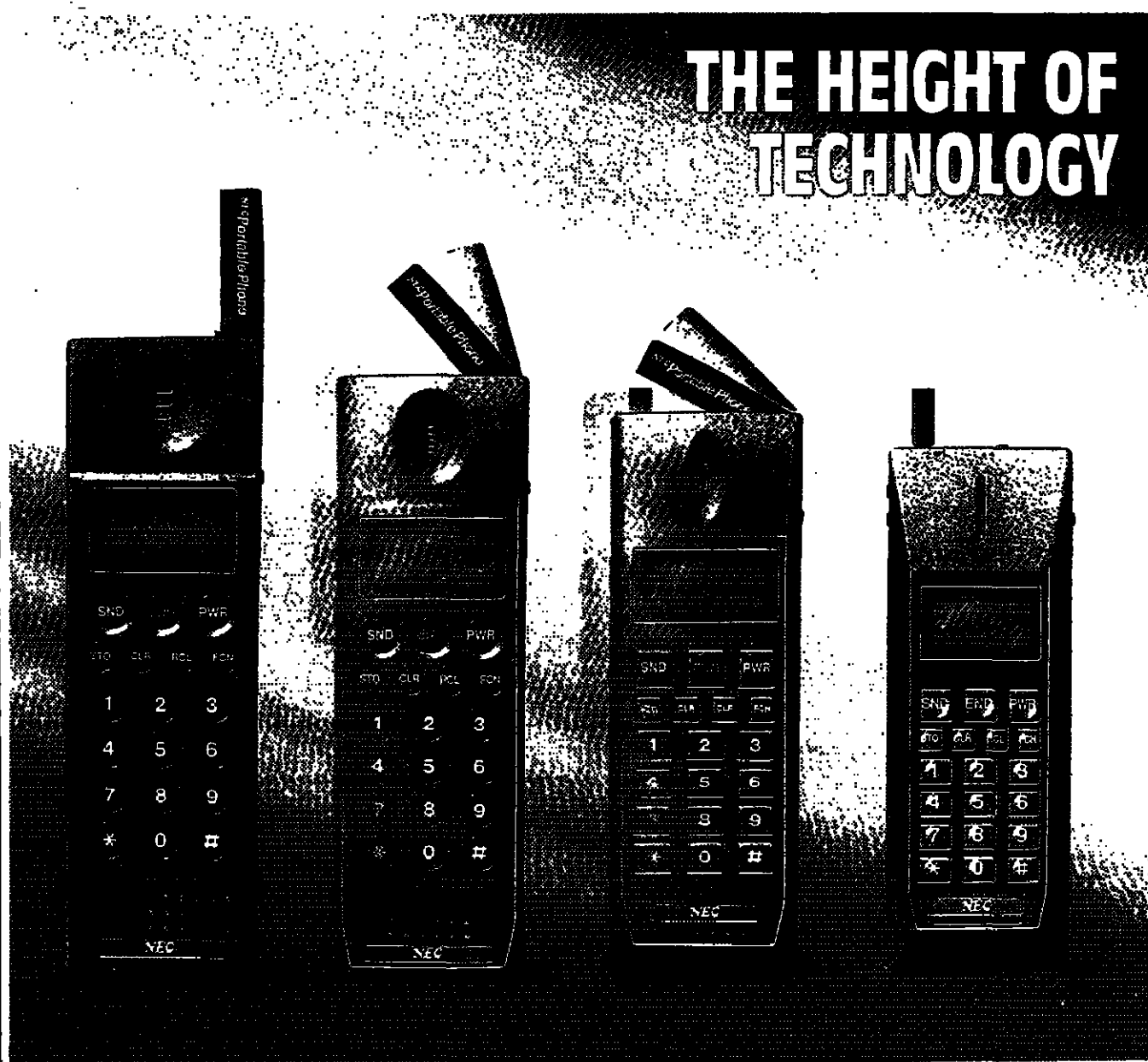
Insurance companies are planning concerted action, including a national advertising campaign, to counter inflated or bogus claims, which they estimate totalled a record £400 million last year.

Mike Jones, chief executive of the Association of British Insurers said: "We aim to identify, spotlight and prosecute the fraudsters. They must not be allowed to get away with dodgy claims. As long as they do, all policyholders will have to pay the cost."

Fraud amounting to £400 million would represent 3 per cent of all claim payments, the association said.

The £250,000 advertising campaign will start next month and will have the theme "Cheating on insurance is a crime. We'll make fraudsters pay, not you." Twelve advertisements will be used, highlighting stories of people who were discovered trying to fake insurance claims and fined.

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London should close 15 hospitals and invest £250m in GP care, report says

AT LEAST 15 big hospitals must be closed in London, with the loss of 5,000 beds, if the capital is to be guaranteed a good standard of health care into the next century, a report published yesterday says. Only severe pruning will allow the hospital service to flourish and release resources for primary care.

The wholesale reshaping of the service, recommended by the independent King's Fund Commission on London, is much more radical than had been expected. Its chief conclusion is that far too much is spent on hospital care in the capital that does not serve the needs of its population well, while the development of primary care has been badly neglected.

The commission's conclusions will be closely studied by the Tomlinson enquiry set up by the government last year to consider London health care. It is due to report to ministers in the autumn.

The commission's report says that the changes should be implemented by 2010. The bed closures, a quarter of the total in the capital, will mean the loss of 1,000 consultant posts, 30 per cent of the total. Other staff would also have to be shed. London has more than twice as many medical staff per 100,000 population as the national average, the report says, and

Radical proposals to reform the capital's health services include the loss of 5,000 hospital beds, Jeremy Laurance writes

new posts could be created elsewhere.

To compensate for the cuts in the hospital service, the commission says that £250 million should be invested urgently in developing primary and community care to bring it up to the standard of other parts of the country and to encourage GPs to take on more of the work done unnecessarily in hospitals. This could involve new styles of primary care better suited to the inner city, such as GP clinics attached to accident and emergency centres. Such clinics might be more appealing to groups such as students and the homeless.

The report seeks to explain the paradox that Londoners get a worse health service than the rest of the country, despite its higher cost. Specialist services, which few people need, are provided at the expense of routine services, which many need but cannot get. To secure the future of the specialist services, some must be pruned so that the remainder may flourish. At the same time, routine services, especially for the elderly and the mentally frail, need expanding.

The nature of health care is changing and the health ser-

vice must change with it, the report says. Chronic degenerative diseases and cancers, which are increasing, require long-term care and support, often better provided in primary care. New drugs, more day case surgery and technological advances that allow more diagnostic and investigative work to be done in primary care will all reduce the demand for hospital beds. Acute hospitals are likely to become smaller and more specialised.

Medical research and education is fragmented across 18 institutions, the report says. It should be focused on four main centres of the University of London, with closer links to bio-medical and social sciences. The number of medical students should be cut by a third and redistributed to medical schools outside the capital.

The commission notes that this is the nineteenth report on London's health service in the past 100 years and that all have identified the same problems. Change has been prevented by a lack of political will. However, the impact of the internal NHS market is already threatening some London hospitals as health authorities worry about costs

send their patients elsewhere. "The status quo is not an option this time," Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the commission, said.

To ensure that change is planned, the commission says that a task force must be appointed, responsible to the health secretary, with powers to direct health authorities and hospitals. "Market forces can concentrate the mind but won't produce good solutions," Robert Maxwell, director of the King's Fund and a member of the commission, said. "It is difficult to see how the market would make the investment in primary care that we think is required."

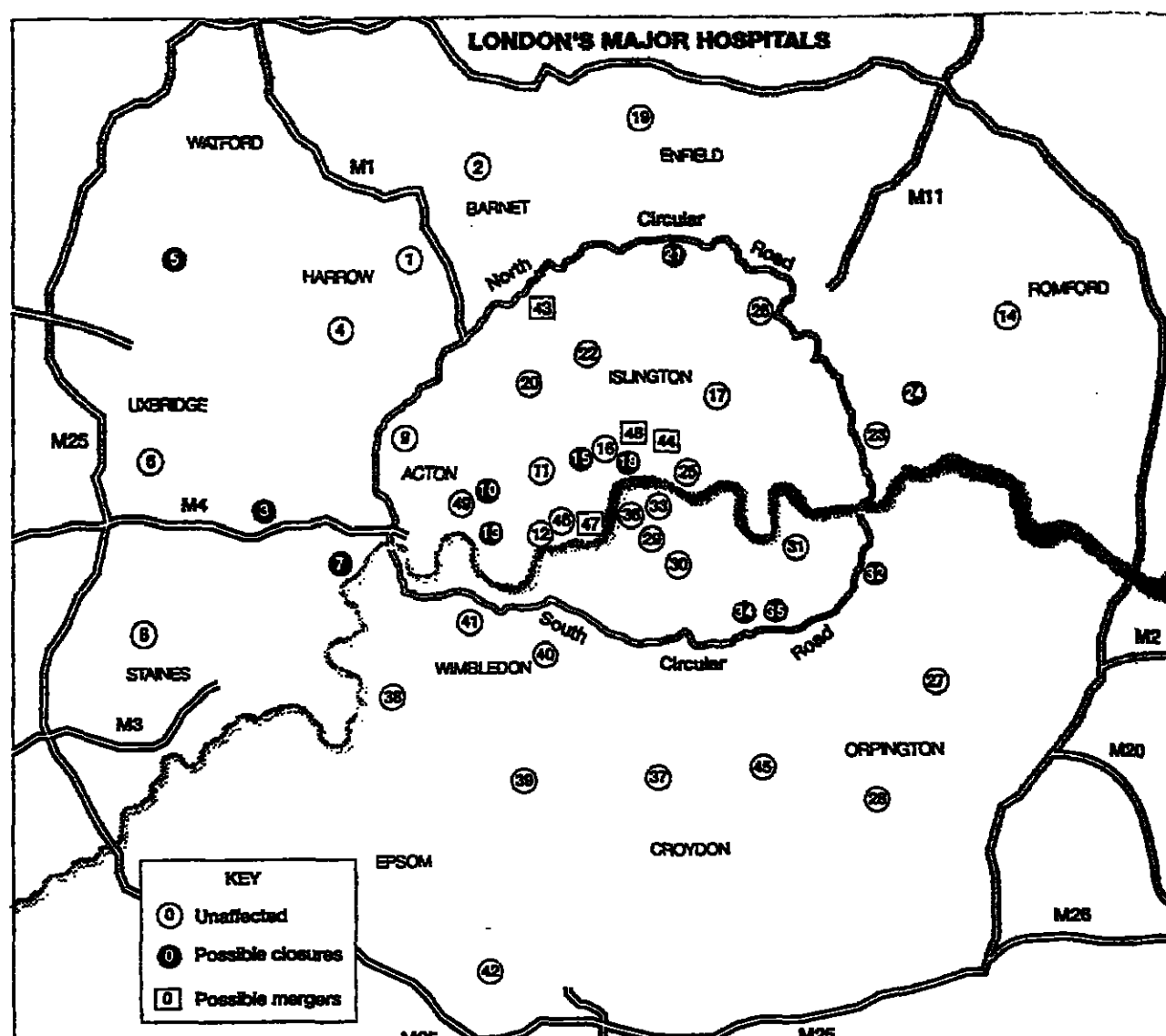
The programme should be self-funding, the commission says. Closing the hospitals would save £80 million in revenue and more than £900 million in capital. Those savings, with the £1.5 billion available under the NHS capital programme for developments to London hospitals, should provide sufficient resources to implement the programme. An estimated £1.2 billion would be needed to restructure the hospital service and a further £220 million to develop community care premises.

Virginia Beardslow, secretary of the commission, said: "Costs in London are not just expensive, they are extremely expensive. This means the 154,000 referrals needed to sustain the hospital service at its present levels will not be maintained. Change is inevitable."

"The shockwaves already being felt at some hospitals will spread across London. We are recommending a major strategic shift to primary care with high quality care concentrated in a smaller number of acute hospitals."

The commission, established 18 months ago by the independent King's Fund, was charged with developing a broad vision of "the services that would make sense for London in the early years of the next century. It spent £500,000 commissioning 12 research reports on which its conclusions are based."

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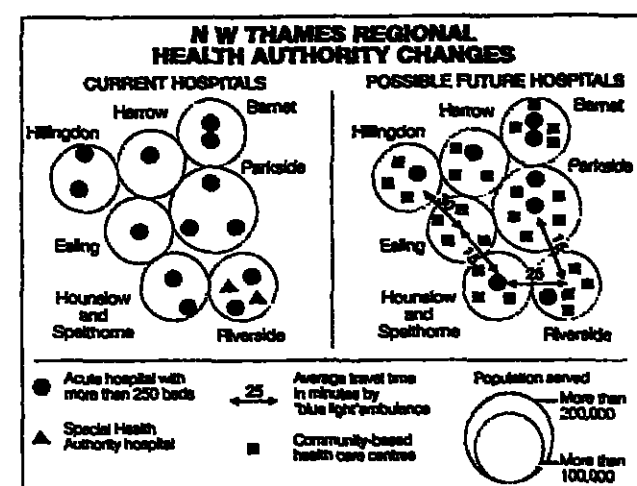
Task force will take note of local need

THE King's Fund commission report provides a map of the possible future provision of leading hospitals in London. It shows 12 general hospital closures, although only 11 are mentioned in the main report, and the merger of four special hospitals, but without naming them.

The Times has tried to identify the hospitals involved, although the commission has said that it will be for the task force to decide which should close, in consultation with local people and taking account of local needs.

There are 41 hospitals with more than 250 beds in the capital and eight special hospitals serving particular needs, such as the Royal Marsden cancer hospital and the Moorfields eye hospital. There are at least 60 smaller hospitals.

The map suggests that the nur hospitals in the River-



because of its world-wide reputation. University College and the Middlesex have been badly affected in the early days of the internal market by the loss of contracts to outlying hospitals. One could close. The Eastman could be merged and the Whittington retained.

In Bloomsbury and Islington there are three general hospitals — University College, the Middlesex and the Whittington — and two special hospitals — the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and the Eastman Dental Hospital. The map suggests that these could be reduced to three.

Politically it is unlikely that any government could close Great Ormond Street

Neurology and Neurosurgery. The Hammersmith and the Maudsley would be retained. The only region to escape closures under the commission's proposal would be South West Thames.

The map is based on information in figures 6.2, 6.3 and table A4.3 of the commission's report, but some of the map entries differ because details were omitted from the commission's report.

GPs braced for battle after voting to end 24-hour cover for patients

BY ALISON ROBERTS

DOCTORS voted yesterday to end their contractual responsibility to provide 24-hour cover for patients. The move is certain to meet with strong government opposition when negotiations to alter legal obligations begin.

GP representatives refused to reaffirm the 24-hour commitment and asked the British Medical Association's ruling body to discuss alternative ways to provide patient cover with the health department. A motion transferring responsibility for the service to Family Health Service Authorities was lost leaving the question of who will provide cover unresolved.

Many GPs voiced dissatisfaction with 72-hour working weeks which left them exhausted and put patients at risk. Eric Rose, a member of the BMA's GPs committee, told the special conference that 36-hour shifts were regular and that he and his partner sometimes worked for 80 hours over a weekend.

Patients did not realise that, when their GP had been on call all night, the next day was not set aside to allow him to recover. "Patients need a doctor who is alert and sympathetic, not tired and demoralised," he said.

About 50 per cent of GPs did not have access to deputising services or other primary health care facilities and were forced to work at least one night a week and regular weekends, he said.

The conference rejected a move to allow local health boards to contract directly with deputising services, although it was agreed that an enquiry into how other bodies could rationalise the service would be carried out.

Ian Bogle, chairman of the BMA's GPs committee, said that the debate was not about



New prescription: GPs casting their votes at yesterday's special conference

hours care, but how to do it. "Any alternative plans will ensure the provision of home visits for patients out of hours," he said. The BMA said that primary care emer-

gencies would be closed.

Growing discontent with the "inflexibility" of the new GP contract came to a head after a recent BMA survey

GPs would like to opt out of the 24-hour commitment. The BMA said that the commitment disrupted family life and caused high levels of stress. Doctors had also been upset by the Prince of Wales's speech last week in which he urged GPs to retain the 24-hour commitment or risk losing public confidence.

The rejection of out-of-hours obligations was not unanimous, with many rural GPs remaining in favour. Dr Douglas Paul said: "Whether we like the new NHS or not, we live in the real world and the new responsibility for GPs seems to fit into it. Any devolution of responsibility weakens the profession."

Earlier yesterday, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, offered little hope of a change in GPs contracts. "The actual principle that has stood us in good stead for 40 years and to which patients attach very considerable importance is one which I think we would have difficulty in moving away from," he said.

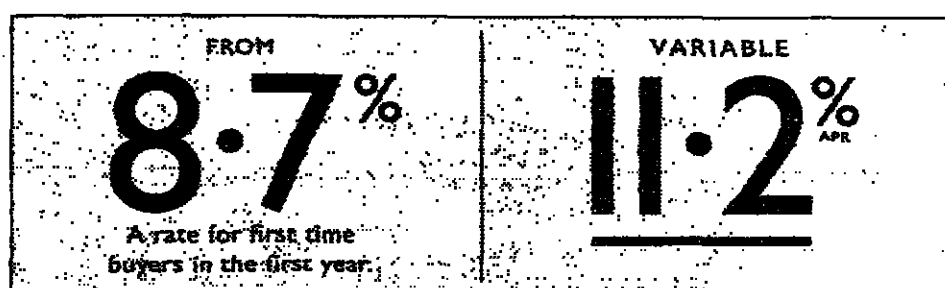
Disabled people are being forced to wait for wheelchairs because of health authority inefficiency, the National Audit Office reported yesterday.

The survey of services provided for the one million physically disabled people aged 16 to 64 in England said that improvements in management were necessary if targets set by the former Disabling Services Authority were to be met.

Examples of bad planning mentioned in the report include the building of an extension to a respite care unit in 1990, by Barnetley district health authority, which has not opened because of lack of funds.

The watchdog also reports unnecessary suffering because of avoidable pressures and incontinence which could be stopped if author-

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Channel terminal at King's Cross delayed by lack of funds

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Channel tunnel rail terminal at King's Cross station in north London will not be completed before the turn of century because of rising project costs and a shortage of government funds.

Rail officials failed in an eleventh-hour attempt to secure funding for the £1.4 billion redevelopment when Treasury officials ruled out additional public expenditure programmes, effectively blocking the project.

BR submitted a bid to the transport department last month for £250 million for 1993-4, to cover the cost of land acquisition and clearance on the 17-acre site at King's Cross, despite earlier indications that it had given up hope of securing government backing this year. Similar sums are understood to have been requested for 1994-5 and 1995-6.

The money is needed to begin excavation work for an eight-platform station, 40ft below ground, for Thameslink commuter services between north and south London and for Channel tunnel rail link services between London, Paris and Brussels.

Transport department officials should have submitted BR's request to the Treasury last week. However, because of demands from Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, for cuts in existing public expenditure pro-

grammes, it is thought that officials have declined to do so.

The deterioration in public finances appears to have undermined BR's strategy of safeguarding the project by looking for substantial increases in government grant to fund the scheme rather than relying, as was initially intended, on revenues from the Channel tunnel rail link.

Until October last year, BR planners had assumed that the rail link would be built by 1998 and that it would generate sufficient funds to help to offset the cost of the new station. However, the government's choice of an easterly approach for the rail link, rather than a southerly one, means that it, along with the new station, is unlikely to be built before the end of the decade. Moreover, in the four years since BR was given leave to seek parliamentary authority to begin work on the King's Cross scheme, the costs have risen from £457 million to £1.4 billion, without any improvements in revenue to offset the increase.

BR's critics insist that rail planners have realised that the King's Cross scheme cannot be justified by rail link income alone. Consequently, the financial basis of the scheme has been altered by allotting more than half the costs of the station to the Thameslink element, which is

theoretically entitled to a government grant because of the benefits it will bring to passengers.

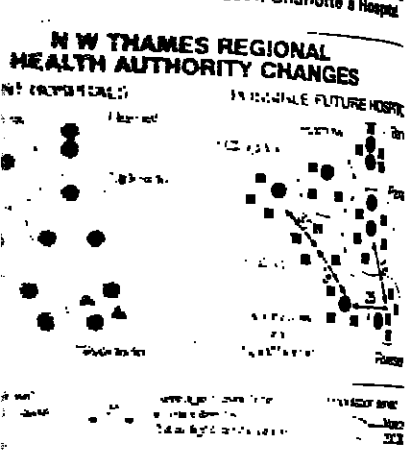
Evidence submitted last week by David Blake, director of the King's Cross project, to the House of Lords committee examining the King's Cross railways bill, claims that the Thameslink element of the station will generate £1.76 billion in social benefits, such as reduced traffic congestion and fewer road accidents. But the gap between the costs and revenue is expected to be £767 million, which BR will look to the government to bridge.

BR's prospects for securing anything like this amount are regarded as unrealistic, given the persistence of the recession and the consequent shortfall in government revenues. As a result, the King's Cross terminal, which would take six years to complete, will not come into service this side of the 21st century.



Work stops for starters: a pair of rare black redstarts holding their ground on a medieval wall near Guildhall in the City of London. They have built a nest on the site of a planned art gallery and developers are delaying work until the eggs hatch (Bill Frost writes). A second pair of redstarts, right, has taken up residence on the wall, to

the consternation of the Corporation of London. Archaeological studies on the ancient site, where a £31 million development is due to take place, have been temporarily halted to avoid upsetting the squatters. Planners are hoping that the birds will head south in August, when work on the gallery must begin.



N.W. THAMES REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CHANGES

THE N.W. Thames Regional Health Authority has announced changes to its structure. The authority will be divided into four main areas: North, West, South, and East. Each area will have its own local health authority. The changes are intended to improve the efficiency of the health service and to ensure that patients receive the best possible care.

Boy of 14 notches up 172 crimes

A boy aged 14 convicted of 154 crimes in the past year admitted eight new charges yesterday including joyriding and car theft. The boy, who had taken 13 vehicles in all, asked for ten further offences to be considered bringing his total to 172.

Milton Keynes magistrates sent him to a young offenders' institution for the maximum four months.

John Goss, the chairman of the magistrates, said: "If you are not careful, you will end up killing someone." John Small, for the prosecution, said that speeds of 110mph were reached as police pursued him.

Killer's cash

A Belfast court ordered Kenneth McClinton, 44, a Loyalist double murderer serving 20 years in the Maze prison who has been awarded £23,000 for an attack by republican prisoners, to pay £15,000 compensation to his victims' relatives.

Bomber retires

The defence ministry is inviting bids for a Vulcan B2 bomber, believed to be the first to enter RAF service, in 1960, and the last still flying. The aircraft, based at RAF Marham, Norfolk, needs a £1.5 million renovation.

Dietrich sale

A ruby and diamond bracelet belonging to the late Marlene Dietrich which she wore in the Alfred Hitchcock film *Stage Fright* is expected to fetch £200,000 at Sotheby's, New York, in October.

Church accused of hounding gays

By TIM JONES

THE Board of Education of the Church of England last night criticised a pamphlet for use in schools which says that the church "continues to go along with persecution of homosexuals and is itself sometimes the persecutor".

The Right Rev Michael Adie, the Bishop of Guildford and chairman of the board, said the House of Bishops had made it clear that heterosexuality and homosexuality were not equally congruous with the observed order of creation.

The pamphlet, published by the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, says that homophobia in the church can be compared to its past anti-Semitism. "During the second world war, there was little protest from Christians inside Germany who knew about the mass killing of Jews by Hitler's Nazi party. Since 1945, the church has come to repent its anti-Semitism. It therefore seems possible that the church might one day come to repent of its homophobia."

The pamphlet, *Christianity and Homosexuality*, says that some verses in the Bible that appear to condemn homosexuality may have been misinterpreted and that some lesbian and homosexual Christians take comfort in the fact that Jesus never mentioned the subject. Some also took heart from examples of close relationships between members of the same sex in the Bible. The Rev Richard Kirker, the movement's general secretary, said that the church was losing support because of its hostility.

Fishing curbs to protect cockles

By KERRY GILL

THE government is to introduce measures to protect stocks of cockles in the Solway Firth where each year one of Britain's biggest harvests of the sand-burrowing molluscs takes place.

Stocks have been monitored over the last three years by the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, which has called for urgent action to protect the cockles and has recommended that fishing should be banned during the first five or six months of the year.

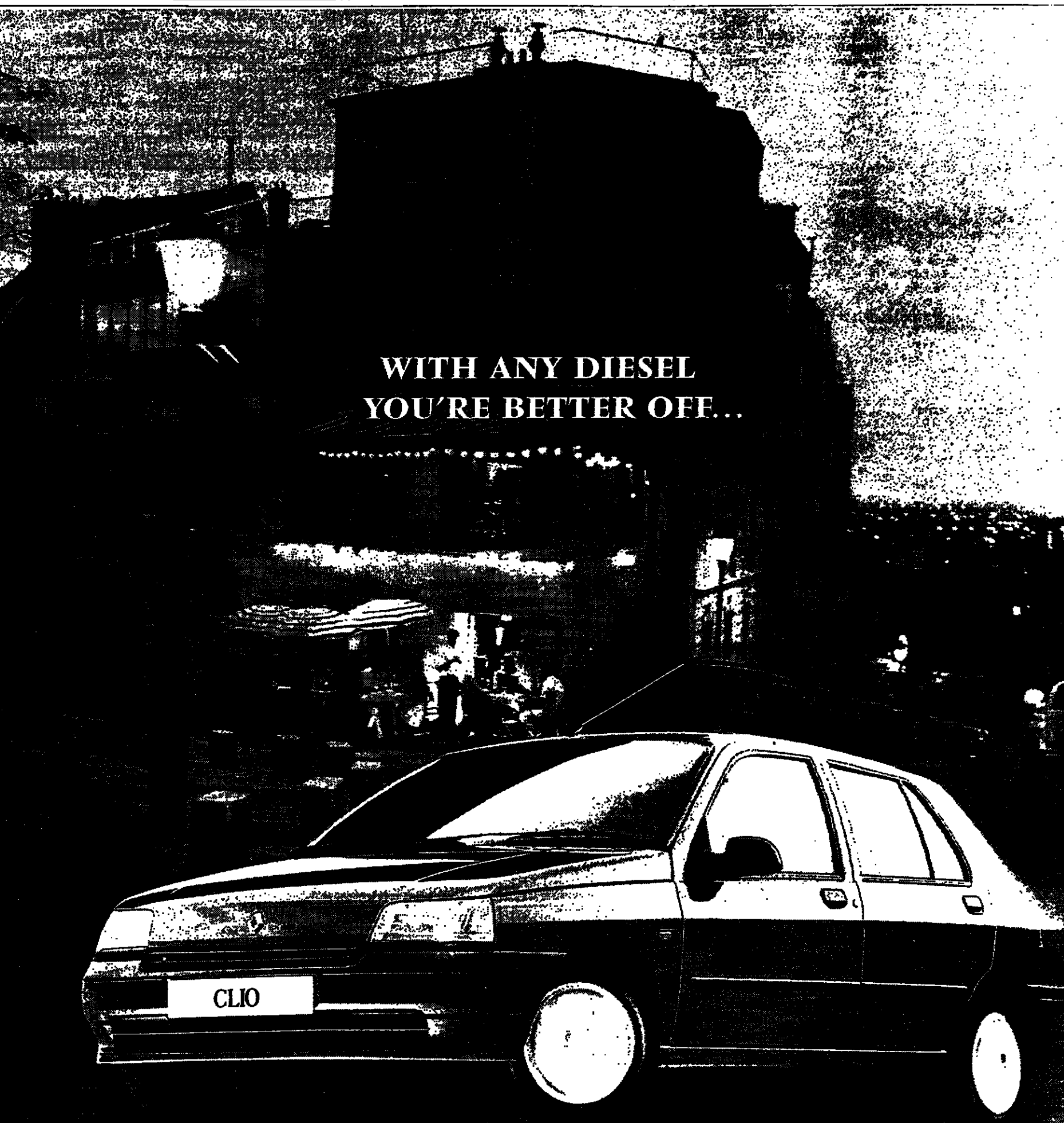
Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, said that the measures would have long-term benefits for the fishermen and for wildlife. A 30,000-hectare area of the upper Solway is designated a site of special scientific interest. Interested parties would be given until the end of next month to comment

and the measures would be introduced next year.

It is unclear how many cockles are taken from the Solway because there is so much unregulated fishing, but in the last four or five years the fishery has been exploited largely as a result of controls imposed on cockle fisheries in England and the huge demand from Spanish importers.

The RSPB had called for restrictions for some time, because over-fishing was hitting bird populations and other forms of wildlife. A spokesman said yesterday that Mr Lang's proposals should be imposed in other areas where cockles were found.

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Warring councils risk cash penalty

BY DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS which embark on expensive publicity campaigns to ensure their own survival in the forthcoming local government reorganisation risk being charged capped, John Redwood, the local government minister, said yesterday.

Addressing a conference in London on the government's plans for the biggest review of local government for 20 years, Mr Redwood said councils should "cool it" in their battle for survival. An independent commission chaired by Sir John Banham, the former director-general of the CBI, will begin work next month examining the structure of local government in England outside London and the metropolitan areas.

Mr Redwood said there was already evidence in some areas that the existing two tiers of county and district councils had begun cam-

paigns which verged on "villification". It would do local government no good for the debate about its future to become a slanging match, he said.

"This review will be all about establishing where local loyalties lie and identifying local government structures which best give expression to the sense of community in each area," the minister said. "You cannot create a sense of community by hiring Saatchi and Saatchi for three weeks."

Although ministers have no power to control spending on individual projects by councils they would be watching the situation closely and if a council's expenditure on publicity took it over its capping limit they would not hesitate to act, he said.

Mr Redwood said the Isle of Wight would be the first place to be studied by the

commission, beginning in August. It had been chosen because there was a wide measure of agreement that a single council should be created to replace the two district councils and one county council on the island.

In September other commissioners would arrive in the four remaining areas in the first batch to be examined: Avon, Gloucestershire and Somerset, Cleveland and Durham, Derbyshire and Humberside, Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire.

Mr Redwood said the government had learnt from the mistakes made in 1974 when the last big reorganisation of local government was carried out. "There is a lesson in the 1974 reorganisation for all politicians that they can only lead so far, they must not trample on their electors' feelings or ignore time-worn boundaries and opinions."

The new councils should be based on communities. "The community primarily means a sense of belonging based on where you live, shop, work and on an intuitive understanding of the history and geography of your area," he added. "What I hope the commission will remember is that the map of England is no blank sheet awaiting the draughtsman's pen. Rather it is a complex patchwork of history, geography and topography."

In some places loyalties dated back to the Wars of the Roses and the civil war, but not all patterns of allegiance could or should be reflected by the creation of a council. A community was more than a local authority area, and communities could survive without councils.

"A county can be maintained by a county show, a cricket team and a Lord Lieutenant. A town or city can find expression through a football team, an arts festival or a town mayor. The commission should not underestimate the strength of very local feeling and the deep roots of the English rural idyll."

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Howard raises limit on local spending

BY DOUGLAS BROOM

THREE charge-capped councils are to be allowed to spend an additional £8.54 million this year, Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said yesterday.

Caps on the spending of a further seven, which will require cuts totalling £18.57 million in budgets already approved for the current year, will be upheld if the Commons approves final capping orders today.

Conservative controlled Warwickshire, which was also capped last year, won the biggest respite, gaining the right to spend an extra £4 million, saving schools and social services from severe cuts. Gloucestershire, where no party has overall control, was given permission to spend an extra £2.59 million. Basildon, won by the Tories at the May municipal election, had its capping limit eased by £1.95 million.

John Vereker, the Conser-

vative leader of Warwickshire county council, called on Mr Howard to think again about the system used to set capping limits. The council will now have to cut its spending by £2.77 million to £297 million by the end of March next year. Charge payers will receive an £8 refund, £11 a head less than would have resulted from the original cap limit.

Gloucestershire will now have to cut its budget by £7.3 million, reducing the poll tax by £18 a head, £7 a head less than under the original cap limit which would have cut the budget by £10 million.

Tony Archer, the leader of Basildon, praised Mr Howard for recognising the new Tory administration's determination to cut costs.

Caps on Greenwich, Lambeth, Hillingdon, Cheltenham and Gloucester were upheld. Middlesbrough and Langbaurgh on Tees have already accepted their caps.

Britain discovers France's iron lady

FROM CHARLES BREMMER IN PARIS

WOMAN IN THE NEWS

GILLIAN Shepherd, the employment secretary, was last night meeting her EC counterparts in Luxembourg, before today's social affairs council meeting which is expected to force through, against British wishes, a compulsory 48-hour working week.

Mrs Shepherd was said by officials to be fighting the last for concessions to make the directive more palatable, and less expensive, to British employers and workers. But there were no expectations of a last-minute change of mind by other European governments, despite Mrs Shepherd's visit to Paris yesterday to press her case with Martine Aubry, the French minister of Labour.

Mme Aubry, who has held that post for a year, is a fervent believer in strong social policy, and one of the most tough-minded members of the French government. There is also the small matter of being the daughter of Jacques Delors, the European Commission president.

The filial connection is one that few dare raise with Mme Aubry, an elegant technocrat whose press sobriquets — *filie de fer* — Thatcher de Gauche — draw on the obvious comparison with Britain's elder stateswoman. "What if you hadn't been the daughter of Jacques Delors?" an ill-advised reporter once asked. "Then at least I wouldn't have to put up with being asked such questions," she snapped back.

The ascent of Mme Aubry, who is now nearing 42, owed little to her father. "She's a lot more of a realist than I am," says M Delors, though she was always obstinate. "As a child it would often end with a spanking."

He recalled last year after Edith Cresson promoted Mme Aubry to the cabinet.

A high flyer at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), Mme Aubry carved out a name for her-



Working overtime: Martine Aubry, strong-willed daughter of Jacques Delors

self as a senior civil servant at the labour ministry for 12 years. Before doing so, she took leave to nurse Jean-Paul, a brother who died of leukaemia in 1980. She has also served on the Council of State and was assistant director for labour relations and nuclear affairs at the big state-owned aluminium firm Pechiney. While in that job, Mme Cresson, then minister for European affairs, commissioned her to chair a study group on European social policy.

According to Pascal Lamy, M Delors's powerful *chef de cabinet* who was a fellow student, her headstrong streak in the rebellious early 1970s landed her in trouble at the ENA, where she was demoted from second to fifth place

in the graduation league. Aubry anecdotes abound. After staying on in the social affairs ministry under the conservative "cohabitation" in 1987, she stalked out of a meeting with her new conservative bosses after a male chauvinist adviser looked at her immaculate red suit and asked if she had donned the socialist colour on purpose.

At her first cabinet meeting last year, she crossed swords with Pierre Berégovoy, then finance minister. His decision to reappoint her when he became prime minister this spring was not seen as automatic. Among her more ambitious and controversial schemes to cut the 2.9 million unemployed is a plan to have civil servants examine the cases of

every one of the 800,000 long-term jobless and suggest ways of putting them back in the labour force.

"I'm known for saying what I think, but mainly to people who are in power," she told a recent interviewer. "I'm not the type who goes around kissing boots."

Admirers speak of her extreme rigour and a sense of fun that can be glimpsed mainly in her time off with friends and with Clementine, her 13-year-old daughter. Little is said of her husband Xavier, an accountant. Unlike her devout father, Mme Aubry insists she is an atheist. She also contrasts his love of sport with her affection for opera and quiet pursuits such as cooking, an art she only has time for at her Tuscany holiday home.



Officials to learn a new job

Senior civil servants and local government officers are to swap places for up to two years at a time in an effort to break down barriers between central and local government. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said yesterday that 70 Whitehall high flyers and an equal number of officials from town and county halls will exchange places under the new programme.

Major's choice

John Major made clear that he would not vote to ban hunting. During prime minister's questions he was asked by Alan Meale, Labour MP for Ashfield, if he would support legislation to ban hunting. Mr Major replied: "No. That is a matter of personal choice."

Steel slump

Crude steel production fell from 24.2 million tonnes in 1971 to 16.5 million tonnes last year, according to figures given in a written reply from Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister. The number employed in crude steel production fell from 201,000 to 45,000 in the same period.

Rising fives

The number of under fives in maintained schools in England has risen from 429,000 to 604,000 since 1979, Nigel Forman, education under secretary, said. The number in independent schools rose from 28,000 to 45,000.

£1.8bn aid

UK official development assistance last year was £1.841 billion, 0.32 per cent of the gross national product, Mark Lennox-Boyd, a Foreign Office minister, said.

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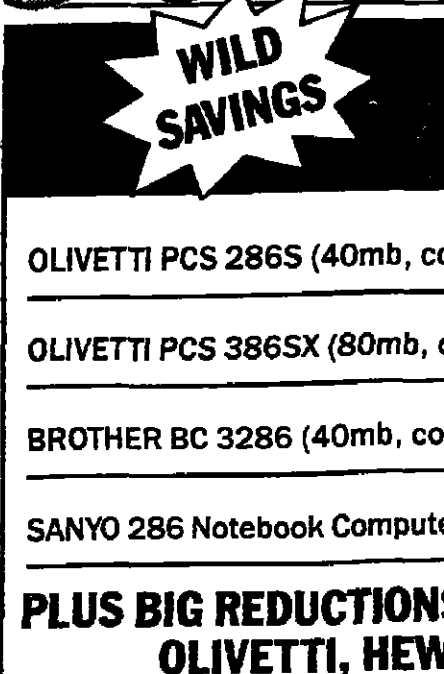
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Ministers split on funding of reform in community care

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

THE prime minister summoned cabinet ministers to Downing Street yesterday in an attempt to resolve a growing row over the funding of the one of the government's key policy initiatives for this parliament, the reform of community care.

The ad hoc committee which included Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, Peter Lilley, social security secretary, Michael Howard, environment secretary, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Michael Portillo, chief Treasury secretary, failed to reach agreement on how much the reforms would cost or how the money would be distributed.

The main arguments centre on whether the funds should be earmarked for local councils or form part of the main revenue support grant. In addition local authorities are demanding significant funds for the start-up costs of the reforms which are designed to help more elderly people live at home rather than in residential care.

There is also a dispute about how the money will be shared among councils to reflect need. It is understood that a study by the social security department, to look at where elderly people were in care in relation to where they came from, was dropped, leaving the government with no idea of which authorities are more in need of cash.

Downing Street later scotched rumours that the disagreements between ministers would lead to the new plans, which give local authorities responsibility for caring for the elderly, being delayed or abandoned. A spokesman insisted that legislation would not have been introduced if the government

did not intend to go ahead with it. Tim Yeo, the health minister responsible for community care, told MPs during the committee stage of a related bill on residential care that the timetable had not slipped and the reforms would go ahead from next April.

The plans, which involve transferring money from the social security budget which is now spent on residential care, to local authorities, have already been postponed once. They were due to be implemented in April 1991, but were delayed for two years because of fears that they would lead to higher poll tax bills. Ministers are now said to be concerned that the policy could lead to higher council tax bills. Local authority organisations argue that if the government fails to provide enough funding, through the revenue support grant, councils will be forced to raise council tax bills to avoid horror stories of elderly people being abandoned in the streets.

Mrs Bottomley, who fears that councils will spend the money on other areas than community care, is now pressing for funds to be earmarked for the first two to three years, to allow the plans to be set up properly. However her proposal has been vigorously opposed by both the Treasury and the environment department.

Michael Portillo is also concerned about the cost implications of a new policy in a tight spending year. Local authority organisations have submitted their bid to the health department for the amount of money they estimate will be needed to assess elderly people and draw up individual programmes for their care. The bid, said to be just under £100 million, in-

cludes the start-up costs and the shortfall between the cost of residential care and income support which are now allocated.

The health department will also be demanding extra resources, about £300 million, for the cost of employing extra community nurses and health visitors.

There is still said to be a dispute about how much is to be transferred from social security next year to reflect the number of people who would have gone into residential care in 1993/4. It is said that the social security department is prepared to release about £400 million of the £2 billion now spent on benefits in residential homes.

Jeff Rooker, Labour spokesman on community care, yesterday called for a Commons statement on the government's position on its policy and demanded that the money should be ringfenced.



Patten to protect opt-out schools

By Robert Morgan and Sheila Gunn

THE government is to introduce legislation in the autumn to penalise local authorities which run hostile campaigns against schools seeking to opt out of council control, John Patten, the education secretary, announced in the Commons yesterday.

He said at question time that enquiries about changing to grant maintained status were coming into the department at the rate of 150 a day. But in some parts of the country Labour authorities had been trying to stop local schools becoming grant maintained.

It is estimated that 160,000 pupils are now being taught in grant maintained schools and there had been some 2,000 enquiries about going grant maintained since the election in April. There are at present 217 grant maintained schools and a further 50 are likely to be approved.

Jack Straw, the shadow education secretary, said that since the election just 56 schools out of a potential 24,000 had decided to ballot to opt out. "A great many parents have seen through the rhetoric of opt-out and

realise it is going to lead to no improvements in standards, to a loss in parental choice and tight central control."

The government's white paper on education is pencilled in for publication at the end of July, setting out the new funding arrangements and organisation of grant maintained schools. The white paper will also detail help for smaller schools to apply for grant maintained status.

The legislation's key target will be the public funds used by local authorities, mostly but not exclusively Labour-controlled, to put out leaflets arguing against opting out.

The Grant Maintained Trust Foundation has complained that teachers in schools seeking to opt out had been warned that they would not be re-employed in local authority schools. School libraries had been "raided" by council staff and grant maintained schools had been frozen out of events with other local schools.

Mr Patten's announcement follows a surprise move by Mr Straw earlier this month to drop his objections to grant maintained schools.

Fraud study is pledged

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

THE government will re-examine procedures for the prevention of company fraud in the light of the Robert Maxwell affair, Downing Street confirmed yesterday. But there will be no internal enquiry into whether the government itself, in the shape of the Department of Trade and Industry, failed to see the danger signals early enough.

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) is taking advice from leading counsel and from the Serious Fraud Office over which sections of a report by IMRO, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, need to be excluded to avoid prejudicing proceedings against Kevin and Ian Maxwell.

In the Commons Neil Kinnock, urging rapid publication of the IMRO report, said there was a serious charge of negligence to answer. The prime minister said the SIB fully intended to publish the report but "it will be essential to ensure that publication does not in any way jeopardise either civil or criminal proceedings".

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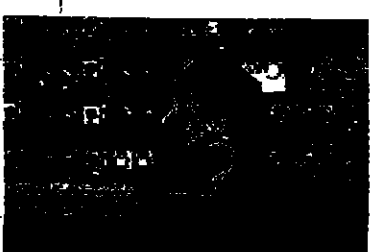
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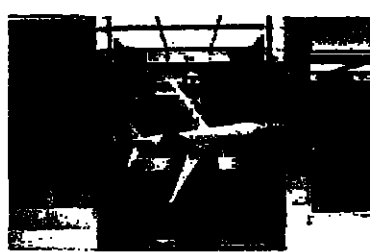
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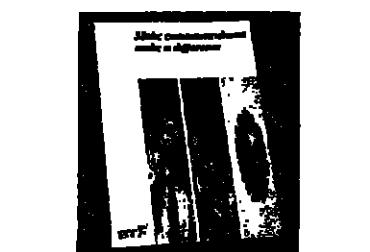
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Major promises new moves to cut taxes

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

JOHN Major yesterday signalled further moves to cut inheritance tax and work towards a 20p in the pound basic rate of income tax as central planks in his free-enterprise, low-tax strategy.

The prime minister said his government would continue to help everyone to acquire and pass on a "growing piece of Britain" for themselves, their children and their grandchildren. The government was now setting course for the long-term goals of stable prices and a 20p basic income tax rate for all.



Major: a new platform in book of speeches

In the foreword to *Trust the People*, a collection of his general election speeches, the prime minister also indicated that he wanted to heal the divisions in Britain by expanding opportunities for all.

"It is also a caring country which shows responsibility to the weak and in which public services have improved. The great fallacy peddled by our opponents was that personal and family ambition was evidence of greed or self-interest and that personal and family success was a source of injustice and an object of envy."

Mr Major paid tribute in the foreword to the former prime minister, who takes his seat in the Lords next Tuesday. "The general election of April 1992 will go down in history as one in which the British people finally rejected collectivist and socialist ideas. The result demonstrated what deep roots the Conservative revolution that Margaret Thatcher began back in 1979 has now established and how determined the British people are to hold on to the gains they have made," he said.

Trust the People: keynote speeches of the 1992 general election campaign (Conservative Political Centre, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HH, £5.95)

High cost rules out identity card plan

By Arthur Leathley

WIDESPREAD support in the Lords for identity cards yesterday failed to convince the government that the benefits would justify the costs.

Viscount Astor, for the government, told peers that the first-year cost of introducing identity cards had been estimated at £350 million three years ago. The government had not been persuaded that cards would have a significant effect on crimes they were designed to combat.

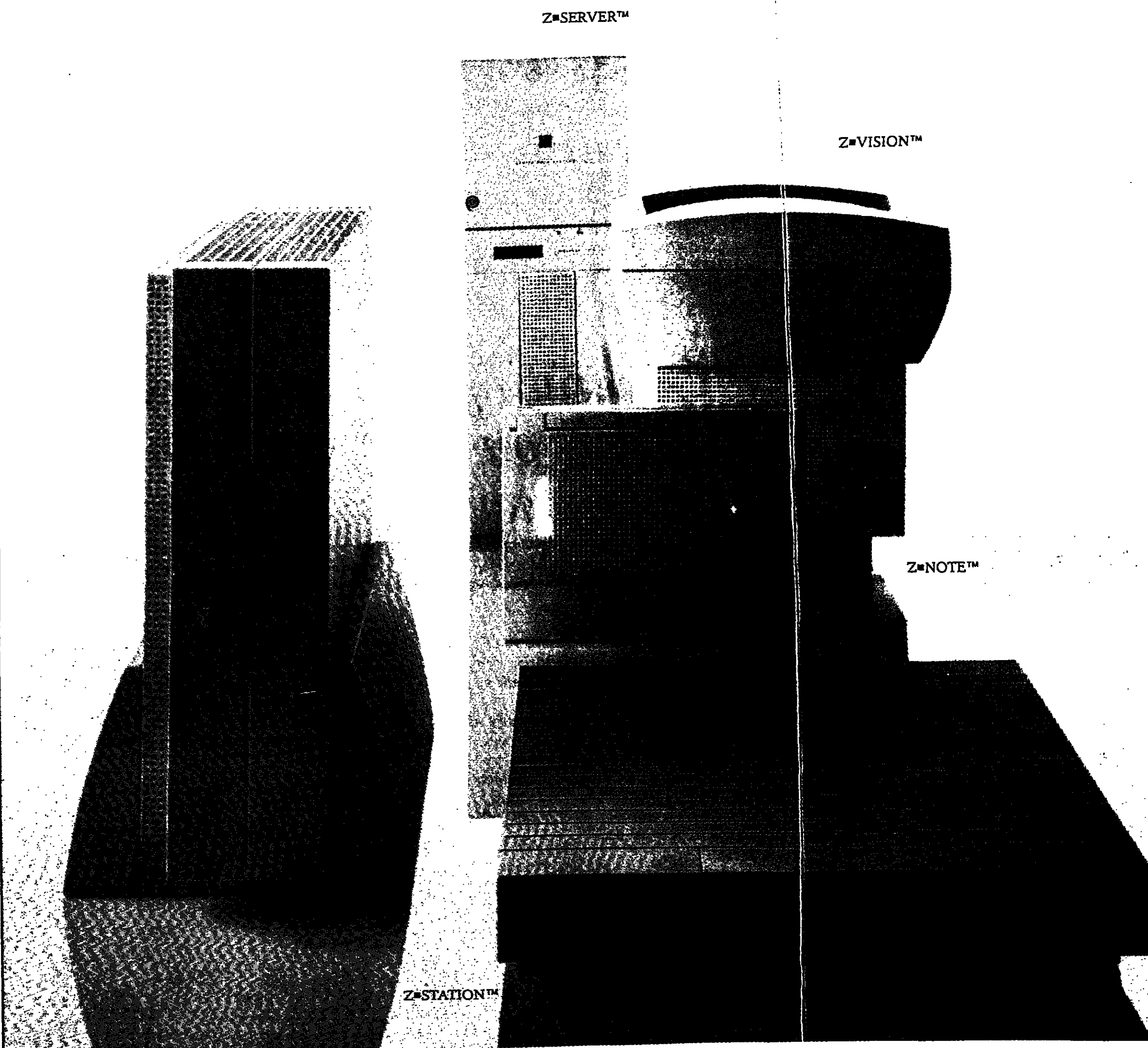
Terrorism, crime and illegal immigration were cited as aspects which could be countered, said Viscount Astor, but the police had not produced detailed evidence of how law enforcement could be aided. Britain had not suffered more illegal immigration than other EC countries.

Lord Mason of Barnsley,

the former Labour defence minister, opened the debate, saying there was growing public support for identity cards and most people now accepted they had to carry cards for work. With most EC countries now having some form of identity scheme, he added: "The European citizen moving freely will need to know what protects him in one member state will protect him in another."

Lord Mason was supported by several speakers until Lord Morris of Castle Morris, the Labour home affairs spokesman, rose to emphasise that the party's policy was to oppose identity cards. The issuing of such an identification opened up an attack on civil liberties, allowing citizens to be stopped in the street without being under suspicion of having committed a crime.

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Yugoslav rivals will meet in Strasbourg

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS LORD Carrington, the head of the European peace process, announced yesterday that the leaders of the warring factions in the former Yugoslavia had agreed to attend a peace conference in Strasbourg, James Baker, the American Secretary of State, called for additional sanctions against Serbia because of its "barbaric" and "inhuman" assault against Bosnia.

Hinting that the time was approaching for allied military intervention to relieve the capital, Sarajevo, he called Serbia's continuing bombardment of the almost defenceless city an "absolute outrage".

In testimony to the Senate foreign relations committee, Mr Baker announced the expulsion of Belgrade's ambassador in Washington, the closure of the Yugoslav consulate in Chicago, and intensified efforts to have Serbia and Montenegro suspended from international organisations and institutions.

Washington would also consult and co-ordinate with other nations on "additional steps to be taken, including steps that would ensure that the relief operation is no longer blocked in Sarajevo," he said.

President Milosevic of Serbia is one of the three who will attend the peace talks in Strasbourg tomorrow. He will be joined by President Tudjman of Croatia and by

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, or his representative if Mr Izetbegovic is unable to leave Sarajevo.

Lord Carrington, who began his mission to broker peace in Yugoslavia last September, expressed satisfaction that the leaders had accepted his invitation. Last week he said such a meeting was urgently needed to break the political impasse after months of fighting. But he had to scrap his original plan to fly to Sarajevo and resume his peace mission because of the heavy fighting.

He will use the first face-to-face meeting between the three leaders to warn them that the war could spread to other areas, and will also warn them that public opinion in Europe, as in America, is becoming increasingly angered by the brutality of the guerrilla groups who break the short-lived ceasefires.

In Sarajevo, General Lewis MacKenzie, the chief United Nations peacekeeping negotiator, said earlier yesterday that hopes for a 48-hour truce to reopen the city's airport were over. "I think it is time to stop the watch. The 48 hours is a bit of a joke now," he told BBC radio by telephone from the Bosnian capital. "The watch is having to be reset every two or three minutes."

Mr Baker confirmed that the administration had sent "military planners" to consult allies at the United Nations

on how to ensure that humanitarian supplies reach Sarajevo. The administration is also known to be holding intensive internal discussions on options, including the use of American air power to protect a multinational force that would reopen Sarajevo's airport.

Reflecting the revised thinking of an administration that once spurned any sort of military intervention, Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, told a Washington conference on Monday that the conflict could now embroil Greece, Albania and Bulgaria and was becoming a threat to United States and European security. "It's already out of control... As the conflict goes on and defies attempts at solution, the risks of it directly impinging on the interests of the Euro-Atlantic community increase."

Pressure for direct action from senior United States senators and congressmen is also growing.



On the record: the FBI closely monitored John Lennon in the early 1970s because of his stand on the Vietnam war and alleged activities against the Republican party

PEOPLE

Court bans FBI Lennon secrecy

THE Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by the FBI that its files on John Lennon should remain secret on the ground of national security. The FBI closely monitored Lennon in the early 1970s because of his stand against the Vietnam war and his rock concerts aimed at raising money, possibly to finance protests at the 1972 Republican national convention (Ben Macintyre writes).

Since 1983, Jonathan Wiener, a professor of history at the University of California and the author of a biography of Lennon, has been fighting to have the files opened to the public. Professor Wiener argues that it is ridiculous to claim that "disclosure of the records of a 20-year-old surveillance of a rock singer, dead now for over a decade, would somehow jeopardise our national security."

Lennon was under investigation at the behest of President Nixon for suspected violations of the Civil Disobedience Act and the Anti-Riot Act because of his links with a radical left-wing group. He was never charged with any crime, but J. Edgar Hoover,

then head of the FBI, recommended that he be deported.

Salman Rushdie, in hiding because of an Iranian death sentence, said he could speak more freely since Terry Waite's release by his kidnappers. Mr Rushdie was speaking at a press conference in Denmark. Guests were told they were meeting German author Günter Grass.

New Zealand's crack diplomatic protection squad faces a hair-raising task this week as it tries to keep up with Carlos Menem Jr and Hutomo Mandala Putra, sons of the presidents of Argentina and Indonesia respectively, who will be competing in a car rally.

The condition of Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister who is in hospital, is considerably more serious than admitted by official statements, the *Mainichi* and *Asahi* dailies reported. Mr Watanabe underwent an operation to remove gall stones on June 9.

Grave diggers get no rest in vicious siege of Sarajevo

Sarajevo's civilian hospital looks more like a field station every day and in the cemetery a new grave is dug every two minutes, John Holland writes

Hospital, mortuary, cemetery — they are the three easiest steps to take in this vicious war of the streets. In the centre of the city you can find all three within 200 yards of each other and all are busy. At the trauma hospital the well-guarded main entrance is littered with broken glass, and weepy-eyed family members crowd round each other hoping that the hospital's staff can save their loved ones on severely limited resources. The hospital's outer walls are pockmarked with sniper fire and mortar shrapnel. An old man shuffles in with a small bandage covering a wound in his chest he is trying to staunch. Thankfully he falls into the arms of two tired male orderlies.

Half a minute later an elderly Muslim woman walks in cradling her right arm, broken by falling debris. "Which way for treatment?" she asks a nurse in a voice firm with determination but tinged with resignation.

Nervous young Bosnian policemen stride into the main lobby to report that there has been another mortar attack near the Miljacka river, which runs as an informal frontier between warring Muslim and Serbian units. Two days ago a series of mortar shells there killed more than 20 people and wounded scores. It is unclear to doctors how many will survive without proper medicine and equipment. More than two dozen hospitals in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been destroyed in this war.

More than 1,000 men, women and children brought here since mid-April never came out again. The orderly on duty says that an average of 20 residents of Sarajevo are brought in dead on arrival each day. Most are victims of mortar or sniper fire.

Dr Faris Gavrankapetanovic, a resident GP, said that about 85 per cent of Sarajevo's worst trauma cases arrive through his front door. The word most frequently heard from shaken victims is *granata*, the word for mortar shell. The projectiles, fired from positions held by Bosnian Serbs in the nearby hills, fall silently before hitting the ground and shattering into a thousand knives which maim without discrimination. Hospital officials report that the number of wounded women and children has

risen tenfold recently. "Most of these people had the misfortune of sitting in their own homes and could not get to a shelter," one doctor said.

The doctors, without sleep for more than 18 hours, rub red-rimmed eyes before plunging ahead to treat incoming wounded. It looks and smells every day more like an army field hospital, one doctor said.

The hospital wish list is familiar-sounding: "We need everything — medicine, anaesthetics, sterile syringes, you name it," said Dr Gavrankapetanovic. There are many basic problems. Supplies of washing powder and hospital-grade disinfectant are low.

On the fourth floor there is a gaping hole in the west side of the building caused when an artillery shell struck it two days ago. Next door, in the makeshift mortuary, 27 bodies lay on makeshift wooden gurneys. For them at least the suffering and terror were over.

The dead ranged in age from 13 to 72. One man of 50, killed an hour earlier by a mortar near the Bosnian presidency, lay twisted under a sheet as blood dripped on to the floor. The smell of antiseptic is strong but cannot compete with that of the dead.

Next to the mortuary stands a black funeral ambulance, its windshield and side panels shot through with high-calibre bullet holes. Even the dead get fired at in Sarajevo. It is a short drive to the tree-shaded cemetery which overlooks Sarajevo's 1984 Olympics complex.

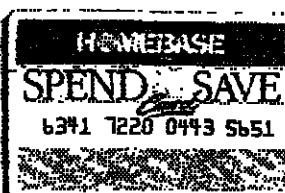
The machinery of death is hard at work all around — a bulldozer digs graves in one corner at the rate of one every two minutes. All around the sound of weeping women and men, Serbs, Muslims and Croats, now nodding to each other in their grief. The grave of Vesna Viric is next to that of Osman Kapetanovic, a Muslim, whose grave is in front of that of Uza Botic, a Catholic Croat.

In the next second a mortar shell lands near by, making everyone flinch. Several days ago it was not possible to hold the now traditional 11am mass funeral because the shelling was so close. The pounding of artillery in the distance rumbles like a giant jackhammer crushing bodies, souls and hope. It has been like this for two months now, said one man.

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Siege protest by French farmers fails

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN PARIS

AN ANTI-EUROPE revolt by French peasant farmers disrupted traffic around Paris yesterday and tarnished the splendour of a special parliamentary session in the palace of Versailles which gave France's constitutional blessing to the Maastricht treaty.

Deputies dropped their ballots into green porcelain urns in the gilded chamber of Louis XIV, approving constitutional changes by a majority of 90 per cent while battalions of riot police pursued squadrons of tractor-driving peasants round the periphery of Paris.

"We will arrive in Lisbon with a good signal," said Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, after a vote that was preceded by the theatrical departure by bus of the entire RPR Gaullist bloc, which abstained. The strong vote, which ends seven weeks of parliamentary wrangling, clears the way for a referendum on European integration and gives President Mitterrand a strong hand at the European summit in Lisbon.

The farmers failed to block the royal procession of deputies to Versailles and fell short of their goal of cutting off Paris, prompting Paul Quilès, the interior minister, to declare victory.

The farmers' leader, Philippe Arnaud, last night called off the protests, ordering his men to lift roadblocks on 20 roads to the capital. He ordered the retreat because of what he said was unprovoked police violence.

However, the peasant leaders, speaking beside a duck-pond next to their headquarters in the tiny village of Écublé, also claimed success in a guerrilla war with the gendarmerie and CRS riot police which at times acquired an air of comic opera.

The peasant forces struck before dawn, driving convoys of tractors, hazard beacons

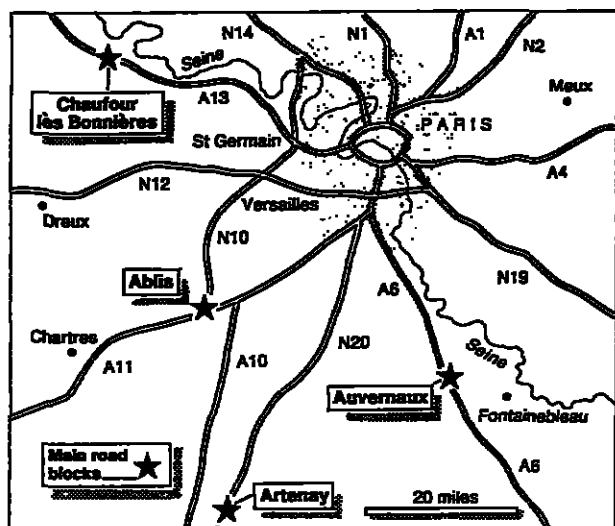
flashing, on to the main motorways in an encircling move about 30 miles out of the city. Phalanxes of CRS marched towards them, black shields glinting in the dawn light. At Rambouillet, northwest of the city, a veteran of the Normandy landings cheered on his arriving tractor troops with the cry "C'est Hitler, c'est le débarquement", while the "enemy" drew up its lines ready for battle.

About 25 miles from Paris, on the A6 Autoroute du Soleil to the Mediterranean, a peasant denied that his men had taken a squad of gendarmes hostage. As a police helicopter approached and the CRS shuffled forward, a police colonel gave the ultimatum: "Clear your men and you will avoid catastrophe." The farmers stood their ground until tear gas cleared them.

At the wholesale vegetable market at Rungis, south of the city, police bulldozers and armoured cars kept the farmers at bay. Similar skirmishes were reported around some 20 makeshift barricades on the main arteries on all sides of the capital and in several provincial cities. The authorities reported only temporary disruption, but the organisers declared victory. "We've succeeded completely in blocking the capital," proclaimed Jacques Laigneau, leading the peasant group, called Rural Co-ordination. Behind him waved a pennant denouncing Jacques Delors, European Commission president.

The peasants, whose action has not been sanctioned by the main farmers' union, the FNSEA, are fighting plans to allow a 30 per cent drop in the price of grain over the next few years. The EC also wants 15 per cent of farmland made fallow.

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Field manoeuvre: French paramilitary police crossing a field yesterday to get to an autoroute at Auvernaux, outside Paris, blocked by farmers protesting against cuts in EC agricultural subsidies. The demonstrators succeeded in slowing traffic but failed to blockade the capital

Bonn presses for cheaper version of fighter project

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY wants to scale down the four-nation joint European Fighter Aircraft project and build a smaller, less expensive model called the EFA 2000.

The idea, strongly backed by the government, is intended to cut costs while enlarging the existing project to bring in France along with the original partners — Britain, Germany, Spain and Italy — and so increase the level of European integration in the aircraft industry.

No details of the project have yet been worked out in Bonn, other than the preferred final cost. Volker Rühe, the defence minister, who wants Germany to pull out of the European Fighter Aircraft project because he says it is too expensive, wants the price for the slimmed-down version to be no more than DM100 million (£34.5 million) each. This price is to include the long-term maintenance of the aircraft, including spares and training of personnel. It compares with an estimated cost of around DM150 million to buy and service one of the European Fighter Aircraft.

So that Britain and other countries involved in the project can be consulted, Bundesrat members of the government coalition parties yesterday postponed a vote which was to have decided

the fate of the project. Although they are supposed to make a recommendation to the government by the end of the month, so that any cost-cutting can be included in next year's draft budget, a final decision could well be deferred pending negotiations with the other countries.

In backing the idea for a smaller aircraft, Herr Rühe has judged that, with the strategic changes brought by the end of the Cold War, there is no longer a need for an aircraft of the sophistication of the European Fighter Aircraft. He believes the reduced risk of war means it is possible to provide adequate air defence more cheaply than was envisaged in 1985, when the aircraft's specifications were first agreed.

Although developing a new version will take time, Herr Rühe hopes that the new project can incorporate a large amount of the technology already developed for the fighter. This would not then be wasted and the scientists and engineers involved would not be tempted to join a brain drain, which is feared if Germany pulls out of the project.

According to Herr Rühe, although a new aircraft will have to be bought to replace the aging Tornados and Panthers, this will not be necessary for eight years. Given the amount of work al-

ready done on the European Fighter Aircraft, he hopes that it will be possible to start producing the EFA 2000 by the turn of the century. This would have a further financial advantage in that money would not need to be set aside now for the production stage. At the same time, the idea is to try to recruit France to join the project, making available the work done on the rival French Rafale aircraft. This would then include all the main European countries involved in aerospace and would further the cause of European integration. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, sees this as important as he had been made aware by John Major that, if Germany abandoned the European Fighter Aircraft, it would be held responsible for destroying Europe's most promising joint project.

Falcone murder may have Colombia link

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SICILIANS held demonstrations yesterday to mark the killing a month ago of Giovanni Falcone, the anti-Mafia judge, while FBI investigators suggested that a Colombian cocaine-smuggling cartel may have been involved in the murder. Six members of the FBI have been working in Palermo, the Sicilian capital, assisting Italian counterparts enquiring into the murder.

The strip of motorway outside Palermo, where Falcone, his wife and three bodyguards were killed by a bomb on May 23, is in an area controlled by the Madonia Mafia family, which is believed to have dealt with the Medellín Colombian crime cartel, police sources said. Falcone had been pursuing the links between Colombian underworld gangs and the Sicilian Mafia and had spoken about this connection at a conference in Rome eight days before he was killed.

In February, Falcone, in his role as head of the criminal affairs department at the Italian justice ministry, approved a visit by a Palermo judge, Giusto Schiavolino, to Australia. This led to the arrest by Australian police of Giancarlo Moglia on charges of having recycled \$10 million (£3 million) for the Colombian cartel and the Madonia clan. *Il Messaggero* newspaper reported yesterday.

In 1990, Giuseppe "John" Cuffaro, a Sicilian gangster arrested in Miami who turned state's evidence, told Italian investigators of an exclusive import "business" apparently granted by the cartel in 1987 to the Madonia family and the Italian-American Galatolo clan.

Vatican 'aided Fascist'

A letter indicates Pope Paul VI sought clemency for a Fascist killer, writes John Phillips

A LETTER apparently written in 1947 by the future Pope Paul VI suggests that he intervened on behalf of a leading Fascist standing trial for the killing of Giovanni Amendola, the Italian liberal leader.

La Stampa newspaper quoted Giovanni Battista Montini, who at the time was a prelate working in the Vatican secretariat of state, as writing on March 13, 1947, to recommend clemency for Carlo Scorza, a former national secretary of the Fascist Party, before his trial for leading an attack on Amendola in 1925. The anti-Fascist politician died in 1926 and a postwar court ruled that his death was the result of injuries sustained when thugs led by Scorza beat him with iron bars and cudgels.

The printing of the previously unpublished letter has upset some Roman Catholic historians because earlier this year the Vatican disclosed that it had begun the process for the beatification of Paul VI.

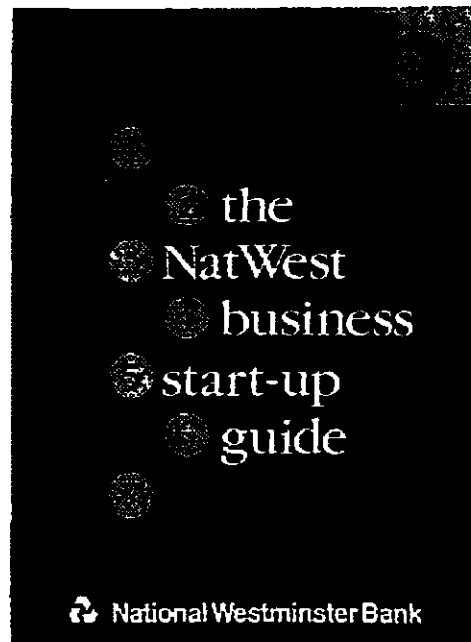
Montini responded to an appeal by the Scorza family and wrote to Giuseppe de Bernardi, Bishop of Pistoia, where Scorza was tried, asking him to use his influence. "I permit myself to bring this to the attention of your excellency with a prayer to act as far as you can towards dissipating the concern of the Scorza family, and to meet their desires on his trial," the future pope was quoted as writing.

La Stampa speculated that the recommendation may have influenced an appeal court decision in 1949 to downgrade the charges against Scorza from murder to manslaughter. Pietro Scoppola, a Catholic historian, said the letter was published "out of context".

Andrea Riccardi, another expert on Vatican history, cautioned against assuming the letter was authentic, adding: "It would not surprise me if it was."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Solana to be foreign minister

FELIPE González, the Spanish prime minister, in a move strengthening his position and appeasing his divided Socialists, has appointed Javier Solana as foreign minister (Edward Owen writes).

It will be Señor Solana's third ministry since the party came to power ten years ago. Diplomats suggest he is likely to push Spain's claim to Gibraltar harder than his predecessor, Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, who has resigned through ill health.

Ferry rescue

Brindisi: Rescuers lifted 262 passengers, mostly Italians, off a Cyprus-registered ferry in southern Italian waters after fire broke out in the ship's engine room, harbour officials said. The crew put out the fire and the ferry was towed to Corfu. (Reuters)

Marines held

Rotterdam: Police arrested 18 Dutch marines who mounted a midnight vigilante action to clear the central railway station of drug addicts. The marines, who pass through the station on leave, had complained of being harassed by the addicts. (AP)

Moldova kills



Neven and Veltsin each deal

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Rabin confident as Israeli electorate turns out in strength

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS turned out in force yesterday to elect a new government in a poll that could decide the political landscape of the Middle East.

Opinion polls published yesterday showed that the opposition Labour party under its new leader, Yitzhak Rabin, was expected to emerge as the largest party, but it was still unclear whether it would be able to form a majority coalition. Mr Rabin, 70, sounding confident after voting in Tel Aviv, said: "I hope a new brighter chapter will open for Israel."

The ruling Likud party of Yitzhak Shamir, 76, the prime minister, was widely predicted to lose support both to Labour and three extreme right-wing parties.

The election results could have a decisive effect well beyond the country's disputed borders, particularly on the Middle East peace talks. Labour has pledged to offer the 1.7 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip autonomy over the occupied territories, while Likud has insisted the land must remain part of Israel.

That issue, central to the outcome of the election, provokes bitter debate, particularly in places like Hebron in the Occupied West Bank, where Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the extreme right-wing Torah and

the Land party, moved confidently through the throng of Jewish settlers yesterday morning, slapping backs and shaking hands as he made his way to cast his ballot for a safer, stronger and bigger Israel.

"You cannot trust any of the parties in power to solve the major issues of today," said Mr Levinger, with a toothy, menacing smile as he made a final campaign pitch to his followers. "Likud wants to give away our land to the Arabs. Labour wants to stop settlements, and the right-wing parties are not serious about putting an end to the intifada."

In many of the polling stations around Israel, such comments would have drawn angry responses from the majority of Mr Levinger's compatriots. Most Israelis abhor his strident mixture of Bible and gun and reject his claim to a God-given right over a territory inhabited by 1.7 million disenfranchised Palestinians. The televised election broadcasts by Mr Levinger's party, which showed the rabbi striding through Arab areas with his Uzi sub-machine-gun, left many Israelis wondering if the pioneer of the settler movement was making a poor joke or had become a self-styled cowboy of the wild West Bank.

"I know the television

broadcasts were tough, but the public understands tough," said Mr Levinger, 56, who was imprisoned for ten weeks last year for shooting dead an innocent Palestinian during a clash between settlers and Arabs.

Among the 100,000 Jewish settlers who have made their homes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, however, the blunt message is well received. This community fears that the outcome of the election will threaten their very existence. Although the outgoing right-wing alliance pumped billions of pounds into housing and infrastructure for Jewish settlers in the disputed territories, Mr Rabin has consistently criticised what he terms "political settlements" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"We have to make it clear once and for all that this was, is and will always be our land," said Mr Levinger, whose party promises to annex the territories.

Although his message is reviled by most Israelis, who have never set eyes on his Jewish outpost near Abraham's burial site in Hebron and are unlikely to vote the gun-toting rabbi to power, Mr Levinger and his heavily armed followers could be difficult to ignore if they decide to resist or sabotage a peace deal with the Arabs.



Sign of hope: Karla Faye Tucker performing a song in prison. A court in Houston has granted a reprieve to Tucker, who is on death row in Texas for the murder of a Houston man in 1983 (Ben Macintyre writes from New York). Tucker, who was due to die by lethal injection next Tuesday,

would have been the first woman to be executed in Texas since the Civil War. An appeals court yesterday ordered another hearing after a witness admitted he had lied under oath at her trial. A spokesman for Tucker, now a reformed character according to her supporters, said she was "terri-

bly elated and relieved". Tucker was convicted in 1984 of murdering Jerry Lynn Dean. A second charge that she helped to murder Dean's girl friend was dropped after she agreed to testify against her former boy friend and co-defendant, Daniel Garrett, who is also awaiting execution.

Bush plays on fears of Perot's dark side

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

FIVE months before the presidential election, the 1992 campaign already promises to outdo even 1988's for concentrated poison.

On Sunday it was reported that Ross Perot, consumed by loathing for George Bush, had in the late 1980s had the activities of the then vice-president and his sons covertly investigated. Scarcely able to believe its luck, the White House has launched an all-out offensive to exploit the flip side of the Texas tycoon's nonsense, can-do image, accusing him of tyrannical authoritarianism and a sinister contempt for civil liberties.

June is normally the languid month in which primary-battered candidates rest, cogitate and prepare, but this year's extraordinary contest permits no lull. Private Republican research had already revealed public unease about Mr Perot's autocratic ways. Sunday's disclosure presented the White House with such a glaring opportunity that even Mr Bush abandoned his plan to stay above the fray until the autumn.

In an interview to be broadcast later this week, Mr Bush condemns the Perot investigations as "sick", "beyond the pale" and, most bitingly in view of Mr Perot's much-vaunted patriotism, un-American. An army of surrogates has been ordered to drive the point home.

Dan Quayle, the vice-president, said: "Ross Perot apparently has a compulsion to investigate people... Imagine having him having the Inland Revenue Service, the FBI and the CIA under his control." Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said it was "shocking and frightening to see that kind of bizarre behaviour on the part of a presidential candidate".

James Squires, Mr Perot's spokesman, said the attacks were a "hysterical attempt to mischaracterise Ross Perot and create fear of him in the public mind". Inspiring fear of the unknown was the way Republicans had shamelessly conducted presidential politics for more than a decade, he said. But there are signs that such attacks on Mr Perot's darker side are taking a toll.

A New York Times poll yesterday gave Mr Perot 30 per cent support, two points behind Mr Bush and six ahead of Bill Clinton, reinforcing the impression that his spring surge has flattened out. Those who dislike Mr Perot have more than doubled in six weeks from nine to 20 per cent, but the danger for the White House is that the attacks on Mr Perot will simply drive his supporters towards Mr Clinton.

So far the apparent hold-up in the Perot campaign has not helped either of his opponents, both of whom slipped still further since the equivalent poll last month. Mr Bush failed to get the lift he expected from last week's arm-cutting summit with President Yeltsin. His personal approval rating has slumped to 34 per cent and 78 per cent disapproved of his economic stewardship.

Libya accepts 'fair' Lockerbie trial

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Libyan parliament said yesterday that it could be accepted by all sides in the 631-member congress, where opinions range from flat rejection of extradition to implicit acceptance provided a fair trial can be guaranteed for the two suspects.

The decision, announced after ten days of debate by the Libyan parliament, did not clearly indicate whether Libya would be willing to hand over Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamien Khalifa Fhimah to the United Nations or the Arab League ahead of their possible trial.

However, observers said, it showed that Tripoli was prepared to let their trial be held abroad.

The congress approved by acclamation a resolution read out by Abderrazek el-Saoussaa, its secretary, which said: "While emphasising their adherence to Libyan penal and procedural laws, the basic people's committees do not object to investigation and trial being carried through the committee of seven constituted by the Arab League or through the United Nations before a just and fair court to be agreed upon."

The two suspects are wanted by the United States and Britain, where they are accused of involvement in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am plane over Lockerbie in which 270 people died.

The committee has been

asked to produce a draft resolution that could be accepted by all sides in the 631-member congress, where opinions range from flat rejection of extradition to implicit acceptance provided a fair trial can be guaranteed for the two suspects.

Abderrazek el-Saoussaa had to suspend a public session in the tent-shaped conference centre in the coastal town of Sirte on Monday after members tried to shout down one speaker and someone threw a plastic sign which hit a minister on the head.

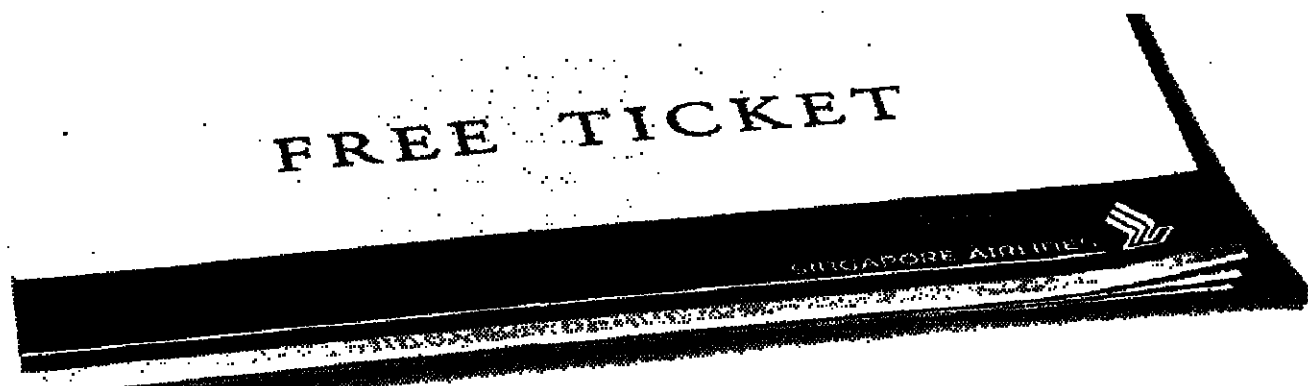
The congress resumed in secret session and Ibrahim Muhammad Beshari, the foreign minister, told reporters later that it had formed a committee to draft a resolution which could be accepted by all sides.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has declared that the People's Congress, or parliament, would decide whether to surrender the pair to the West. The United Nations Security Council on April 15 imposed sanctions — including an air traffic, arms and diplomatic embargo — on Tripoli after its failure to hand over the suspects.

The Libyan parliament also emphasised Tripoli's "readiness to co-operate fully to find a peaceful solution" to its dispute with the West.

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Illegal transplant networks prompt Argentine enquiry

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

ARGENTINE authorities are uncovering evidence of widespread illegal organ trafficking, and the health ministry this week began an investigation into "irregular" activities of numerous hospitals.

More than 200 patients' files were confiscated from an emergency hospital in the northwestern city of Córdoba last week after "irregularities" were reported by Horacio Hesler, the chief civil servant at the health ministry, prompting a nationwide enquiry.

"We have found clear evidence of a wide network of illegal organ traffic," said Julio César Aroz, the health minister. "There are cases in which people have had their corneas and kidneys removed illegally and we want to get to the root of the matter through the judiciary," he added.

In Córdoba, Judge Roberto Rueda, leading the judicial investigation, said that the files of about 200 patients showed evidence of organ traffic and cases of patients in critical condition being allowed to die prematurely to remove their organs. "We do not know if people were actual-

ly killed for their kidneys and other organs, but we think the patients in comas and in critical condition had their deaths hastened," said Judge Rueda.

Serious "irregularities" also prompted health ministry raids on the files of the state-run hospital in Santa Fe, and a private clinic in the northern city of Tucumán. Health officials also said that investigations would be launched into the activities of several public and private hospitals in Buenos Aires.

In one case, at the Tucumán hospital, a pregnant woman, 19, was admitted to hospital with bullet wounds. After her death, registered as suicide, her organs were removed without her family's permission. "This is one of dozens of cases which we find extremely suspicious, since there is no register of where the organs went or who gave the permission for removal," said Judge Ricardo San Juan.

Two state-run organisations which are in charge of monitoring and co-ordinating the legal removal and donation of organs are also being investigated. Health

ministry officials suspect that public workers at the clinical centre for implants and transplants and the national institute co-ordinating transplants may have been involved in masterminding a network of illegal organ trafficking. Health ministry officials suspect many organs are sold abroad. In Argentina, more than 6,000 patients wait every year for a transplant but only a tiny minority get them officially. There is no register of transplant operations.

Investigations were also prompted after revelations in March that hundreds of patients at the mental home of Montes de Oca, 60 miles outside Buenos Aires, disappeared. Dr Florencio Sánchez, the director of the home, has been accused of selling off corneas and kidneys from mental patients, storing blood at his private clinic, and siphoning millions of pounds from the home.

Judge Hector Heredia, leading the enquiry into the mental institution, says the evidence shows that in the past ten years some 1,400 patients disappeared from the home.

Bush plays on fears of Perot's dark side

FROM MARTIN FLEHER IN WASHINGTON

FIVE months before the presidential election, the Republican already promoting himself even 1992's for a centrist party.

On Saturday it was reported that Ross Perot, committed to George Bush in the late 1980s but a vocal critic of the president and his administration, had been persuaded to support Bush.

Search for a political ally to help him launch his campaign to exploit the discontent of the Texas electorate, Mr Perot has been a constant presence in the White House.

In an interview with the Washington Post, Mr Perot said that he had been persuaded to support Bush by a "glaring opportunity" that even Mr Bush did not want to miss.

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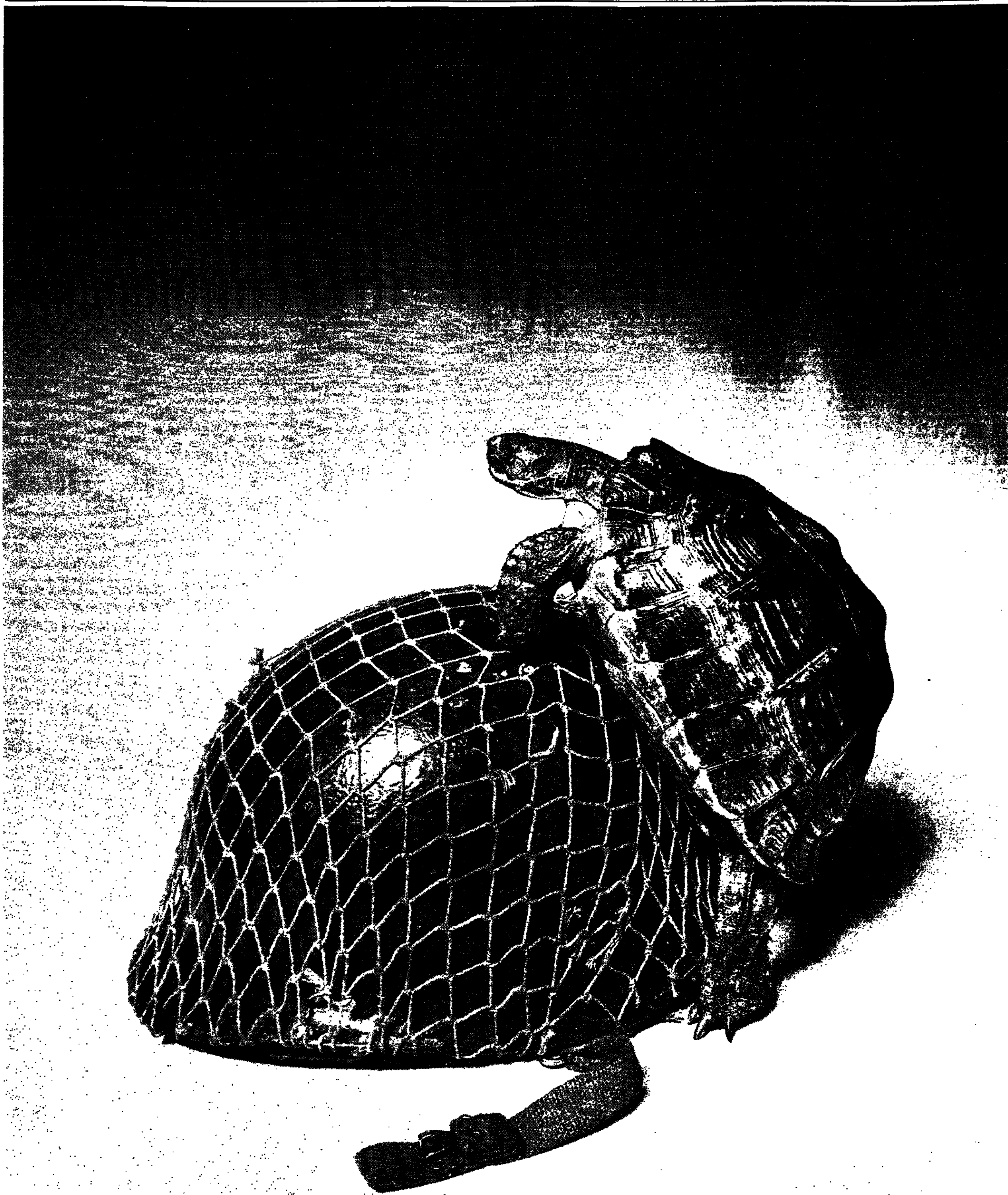
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Lies, damned lies and economics

Bryan Appleyard on the dismal reputation of the dismal science

It is Professor Alan Budd, chief economic adviser to the Treasury, experiencing *metanoia*, a spiritual transformation, a U-turn? This is not a trivial matter of interest rates or monetary aggregates. What is at stake is the status of economics. Tomorrow night on *Pandora's Box: The League of Gentlemen* on BBC 2, Professor Budd will confess to a nightmare. As one of the architects of the Thatcher government's economic policy in the early 1980s, he was responsible for unprecedented financial stringency during a recession which threw thousands out of work and inflicted grievous wounds on our manufacturing capacity.

Maybe he was right, maybe it was necessary. But merely being wrong is not the professor's nightmare. What haunts him now is the possible political motives of those who implemented the policy.

"Raising unemployment", he says, "was a very desirable way of reducing the strength of the working classes. What was engineered — in Marxist terms — was a crisis in capitalism which recreated a reserve army of labour and has allowed the capitalists to make high profits ever since."

The nightmare is that the politicians of the day were exploiting the insights of his discipline to justify a purely political dirty war. In his nightmare, he was ruthlessly and cynically used. The innocent and objective purity of his wisdom was compromised.

Economics is in a bad way. Twice in our post-war history it has aspired to crack the problem of our relative decline by a simple technical fix. First for Labour in the Sixties it offered the interventionist National Plan, and then for the Tories in the Eighties it offered the non-interventionist medium term financial strategy. Both failed. The first because of the uncontrollable pressure it put on public spending, and the second because inflation refused to do what Milton Friedman said it would: change in direct relation to the money supply. "It was all a bit embarrassing," Professor Charles Goodhart suavely admits of the latter debacle.

More than jargon is involved here. For the imagery arising from those policies is an essential feature of modern memory: the "Buy British" campaign, the technophilic Wilson, Healey and the IMF, the bitter Thatcher medicine that would do us all good, the Lawson boom and so on. These are not statistics, they are aspects of what we imagined we were and what we thought we ought to be doing. And the mythology that underwrote all these dreams and fears was economics.

Economics could inspire this hypnotic and self-destructive fascination because we were told it was a science. In our innocence we thought that this science was the objective truth and could predict the future. Yet the scientific evidence behind both these schemes

was ludicrously thin. Behind George Brown's National Plan was the brief, specialised success of Keynes and a laughable Heath Robinson machine at the London School of Economics which claimed to be able to model the economy through the flow of water. Behind monetarism was Milton Friedman, with his insistence that inflation was a "printing press phenomenon" and that "this is a scientific fact". Both had a charming simplicity, a neat appeal to common sense, and both were wrong.

The simplest excuse for the economists is to concede that they are not scientists. J.K. Galbraith has done this, describing economics as "a continuing interpretation of current circumstance" — a kind of narrative art. Others take the harder view that we were wrong simply because we did not know enough. One day we shall know enough and economics will work as a science.

More radically, Professor Goodhart has toyed with the idea of a kind of uncertainty principle of economics. This suggests that the

moment a government chooses a particular statistical relationship as the basis of its policies, that relationship automatically falls apart. This offends against common sense, but so does quantum mechanics and the physicist seems to be happy with that.

But, if they abandon science and the pretence of being able to conjure a better future, the government may be tempted

simply to lapse back into the old Treasury posture: preserve stability by whatever means seem appropriate at the time.

The real point, however, is implicit in Professor Budd's nightmare, that politicians chose his interpretation not because it was right, but because it fitted. Maybe the scientific ideal of objectivity was worn as camouflage for the *realpolitik* of generating unemployment. And, since that objectivity itself turned out to be illusory, the knowledge we call economics turns out to be as loaded with highly subjective values as anything else in human affairs.

Professor Budd is an honourable man to have gone this far. In disciplines that regard themselves as more genuinely scientific than economics, few are prepared to say as much. Any assault on the rationality of, for example, physics is greeted with paranoid and ill-informed ranting (I speak from recent shocking experience). But the discovery of economists that people do not behave like water machines and that the world does not obey Treasury forecasts may lead to the greater discovery that they are not made of numbers either. Most important of all, it may eventually lead to an acceptance that what people are made of is not reducible to the terms of any conscience corrupted by the pervasive arrogance of contemporary science.

'Economics turns out to be as loaded with subjective values as anything else in human affairs'

A minority of patients deliberately transmit their venereal diseases, writes Dr Thomas Stuttford

When sex can kill

Doctors who have been involved, even in a small way, with patients who are HIV positive will have been amazed that the story of the Birmingham man who infected four women with HIV despite knowing that he was infectious should have been made the lead item on the early morning news.

What is surprising is not the man's behaviour — reprehensible though it is — but that a news editor thought this Birmingham patient was exceptional in his indifference to the fate of those he might infect. The truth is that he is a member of a small minority of HIV positive patients who callously disregard the long-term suffering their sexual desires may inflict on others.

When talking to these patients, it is difficult to persuade them that their infection makes them potentially lethal as a loaded gun, and that they are forcing any sexual partner to play Russian roulette without even knowing the appalling gamble they are taking.

Recently a man who is HIV positive and who had caught gonorrhoea after group sex said to me: "Sex is all about excitement, isn't it, doctor? And the fear of

catching HIV would certainly add to the excitement, wouldn't it?" The truth is that promiscuity is often a feature of anti-social or psychopathic behaviour. It is only to be expected that any group of patients, HIV positive or otherwise, will include a proportion suffering from severe personality disorders. Psychopaths, by definition, act in a grossly irresponsible way, and are indifferent to the problems they may cause others by satisfying their own immediate desires.

A spokesman for the Terrence Higgins Trust is quoted as saying: "Many people lose their desire to have sex for many months, or even years, after they have been told that they are positive." This may well be true, but as the spokesman implies, not everyone exercises such restraint even initially, and as the probable life expectancy after infection with HIV is 10 or 12 years, something more than a comparatively short period of celibacy is needed to control its spread.

Most patients, whether homosexual or heterosexual, are responsible, and their behaviour is controlled by natural decency and respect for others. The difficulty is how to determine a course of action which will deter the dangerously wayward without in any way breaching the strict rules of medical confidentiality which are essential if patients are to come forward for treatment.

The long course of the disease and the patient's sense of well-being throughout most of it rules out the kind of isolation that was ordered in the past in cases of tuberculosis, typhoid or scarlet fever. Public notification of all patients who are HIV positive has been suggested, but would be so counter-productive to the control of the spread of the disease as to be unthinkable.

It seems unlikely that revenge on society was the motive of the Birmingham man; more probably he has a gross personality disorder. Despite the oft-quoted belief that psychopaths are not deterred

by punitive measures, there is evidence that their behaviour can be modified by fear of retribution. It is surely time for Parliament to legislate to make the wanton spread of HIV by patients who know that they are infected a criminal offence.

Meanwhile it must now be acknowledged that the government's short-lived campaign to alter sexual behaviour in Britain has failed. In 1989, for the first time since 1973, the number of cases of gonorrhoea, a useful marker of sexual behaviour, started to increase (by 7.5 per cent in men, 6.2 per cent in women). This increase continues. The outlook among homosexual men is even more depressing: the number of cases of gonorrhoea increased fourfold between 1989 and 1990.

The Birmingham case illustrates the continuing need for public awareness of the dangers of HIV infection. But it is an open question whether this case would have featured in the media if the Birmingham man had been

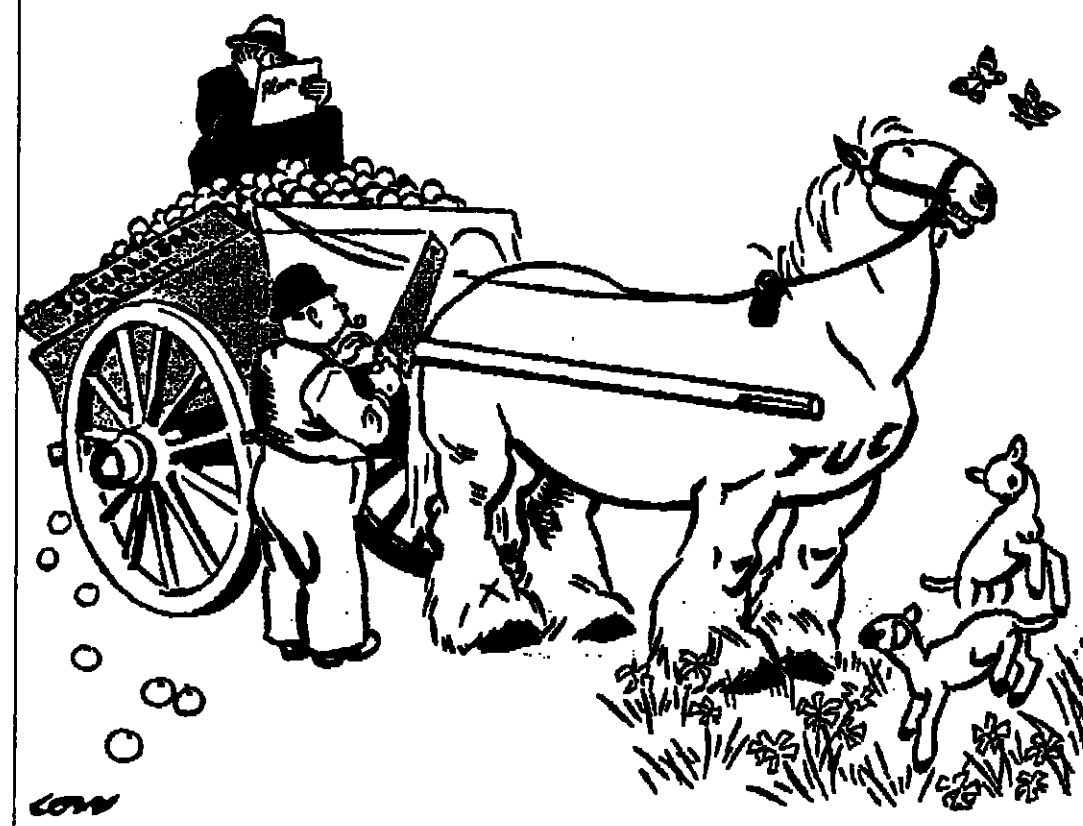
homosexual rather than heterosexual, or a member of a minority racial group, or if he had caught his infection through sexual intercourse rather than a contaminated blood transfusion. There is a reticence among those who look after HIV patients imposed by the desire for political correctness.

It is difficult for infected people to accept that they are different, particularly since the disabled have for fifty years rightly been encouraged to ignore their handicaps and to join in. But now one group is being told that in their case some aspects of life must be restricted and — the unkindest cut of all — that it is their sex life which must be controlled.

Last week I saw a Ugandan woman who, although well, had known for some weeks that she was HIV positive. Tall, commanding and quite relaxed, she discussed her problems in a detached way. She knew the limitations the infection would place on her sexual activities, maternity and her life expectancy, and accepted them seemingly without question. If only the Birmingham man had been as philosophical, at least one of his lovers would still be alive today.

Labour needs its carthorse

The union link is still vital, argues Anthony Howard



The cart and the horse: David Low's view of relations between Labour and the unions in 1946

is that without the financial support of the unions (which is by no means confined to the general election fund), Labour could not maintain even its present creaking national apparatus. The party has fewer than 300,000 individual members, and were it not for the regular income from union affiliation fees it could barely keep its national headquarters in being, let alone the dozen regional offices.

The lesson of the Trades Disputes Act of 1927, which abolished "contracting-out", is that any effort to translate the contributions to the political levy into individual members of the Labour party involves a loss both of money and membership, although that need

not in itself mean that such an objective will forever remain beyond reach. It will only, however, work in the current apocalyptic climate if Labour can simultaneously perform the miracle of increasing its strength on the ground in the constituencies.

The record of the immediate past here is not encouraging. In the aftermath of the party's 1987 defeat, Gordon Brown boldly proclaimed his conviction that Labour could easily attain a membership of one million by the early 1990s. He is now a wiser, if a sadder, man — for, instead of rising, the party's individual membership has actually fallen. One election defeat further on, there

seems no reason why that process should suddenly be reversed.

The only way to free Labour from the dominance of the unions, as Denis Healey spotted years ago, is to introduce state funding for political parties. In 1976 the all-party Houghton Committee on financial aid to the parties actually recommended such a solution (if only by an eight-to-four majority). But the already beleaguered Wilson government lost its nerve. For transparently partisan reasons, the last thing the present government is likely to do is to offer such deliverance to the Labour party, despite its own cheerful acceptance of lavish subsidies from Brussels for Euro-elections.

We now live with the anomaly of both Labour and the Conservatives benefiting from subventions from Europe while the line is rigorously held against similar state aid in Britain. Add to that the provision of the "Short money" (the Exchequer funds, named after the Leader of the House who introduced them, which still fund the parties in Parliament), and it becomes increasingly difficult to see that any principle is at stake.

Given the realities of politics, however, it will probably be up to the unions themselves to solve Labour's immediate dilemma. Men like John Edmonds of the GMB and Bill Jordan of the AEU are quite sophisticated enough to recognise that they would be doing both their own members and the new Labour leadership a good turn if they resolved to distance themselves from both the policy-making machinery and the selection procedures of the party. What they risk losing in internal party influence they might well find they gain in external popular appeal. Certainly the cry lately heard from the more medieval of the union barons — "no say, no pay" — can only confirm the public in its anti-union prejudices.

With a more considered approach, Labour and the unions might even succeed in giving the whole argument over politics and money a new twist. It is hardly as if the Tories' recent record in this area is invulnerable. Too often its treasurers have appeared to operate as the crudest of bagmen, and now that their net has spread to such places as Greece and Hong Kong, demands for a more open approach to fundraising are bound to grow. It would be a start if a limit were set beyond which all donations, private as well as corporate, had to be disclosed. For the moment, it may suit the government to allow the Labour party no escape from its dependence upon trade union funds. But it should not push its luck too far. The electorate has a habit of noticing when short-term party advantage is blatantly preferred to long-term democratic dividend.



...and moreover
ALAN COREN

The old campaigner was back at Wimbledon on Monday. Probably for the last time. While headline writers were, as ever, divided some saying "Anno domini", others "Tempus fugit", you did not have to be an aficionado of the flashy Latin game to be aware that, for the old campaigner, it was not now as it had been of yore. The callow youth he came up against in the first round put it as succinctly as any: "Oy," he said, "there's a queue here!"

Once the campaigner would have volleyed this back with a speed and power likely to have left spectators gasping at the sheer ruthlessness which an Englishman had uncharacteristically found it within himself to muster. True, the more delicate might have blenched at his language, but that was the way it was when the old campaigner was a tennis brat at the top of his form: you had to take the rough with the smooth. And smooth there abundantly was, for he had not only power, but also an unparalleled repertoire of delicate riposte which could leave any opponent flummoxed. "A queue, eh? Stone me, that what this is, well I never, how very kind of you to point it out, you are a diamond, may I just slide through to the front to ascertain for myself that this is indeed the queue you say it is?" In the face of rallies like this, even the toughest opposition wilted.

longer the spectators who were gasping. It was the old campaigner. That is what three flights of Centre Court stairs can do to a competitor carrying the flabby legacy of too many easy tournaments. Because for some years now, he had been both guest and victim of corporate hospitality. In the weeks prior to Wimbledon, some of the finest people in PR had sent the pastboard winking to Cricklewood, inviting the old campaigner to this marquee and that and greeting him with delighted cries and big wet kisses, here is your Centre Court ticket, darling, have a lobster, have a Pinot, have a strawberry, the Duke is dying to meet you, let me bring Joan Collins over. Cliff this is Alan, Alan this is Jaroslav, let's all have just one more jero-boom and then pop across to see a bit of tennis, and the old campaigner could manage the stairs, then, since there was no rush, he had a ticket, a man would fawn him to his seat, give him a cushion...

But this year, nothing. As May lengthened, the old campaigner would run ever more desperately to the morning doormat, crying: "Where be your tents, O Israel?" but nobody begged him through their flaps, now. He told himself it was the recession, business was no longer chucking it about, corporate entertainment could backslash, all that, but he told himself this only because that is what old campaigners always tell themselves, rather than face the fact that they are over the

creek, on the skids or anywhere else a preposition cares to leave the superannuated.

Yet the old campaigner refused to be beaten. He was a fighter. Willness might have to replace power, but there was still a shot in his locker and a trick up his sleeve to teach the young a thing or two. For he had done twenty pre-freebie Wimbledon, when he had lain all night on the pavement and on the portable cushion which still grew on his head, then, and he had not forgotten how to sprint for the top courts and take the stairs three at a time and deploy the skills of elbow and knee to get to the front of the gallery and stand there for hours, breathing in little sips and subsisting on molten Mars. He would come through.

He did not even get to the middle. He stood wedged on the fringe, with his ear flattened against an iron stanchion, his nose in a Swede's shoulder, and one eye just able to catch, in glimpses, a corner of grass unvisited by either Stich or Pescosolido.

And since he somehow lacked the stamina of yesterday, he lasted only half an hour before reeling out to Court 16, where an unknown Belgian wail was hammering an unknown German one. Oh, sure, he told himself the outer courts were terrific. I am having a great time. It is what Wimbledon is all about, this £2 strawberry is hardly mouldy at all. But you can tell when an old campaigner

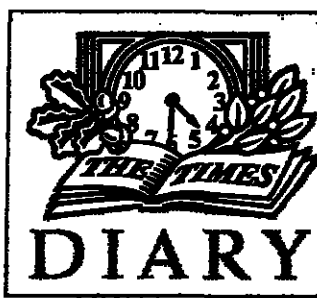
No longer for the birds

ORGANISERS of a long-awaited exhibition of 1960s art have spent months searching for William Green, the English action artist, anarchist and inspiration for *The Who* who vanished in the middle of the psychedelic decade. Green, who taught Pete Townsend at Ealing College, is believed to be living in Britain, despite having staged his own death. But all attempts to contact him have failed.

"We are desperate to find him," says Dr David Mellor, organiser of the exhibition "Art and the Avant Garde in London 1957-1969", which is to be held at the Barbican next year. "It would be a coup to have him there. We have tried the personal columns of various newspapers, but to no avail." Should he turn up, he is



likely to be rubbing shoulders with David Hockney, Paul McCartney, Jean Shrimpton, David Bailey, Mary Quant and Twiggy.



the British pop art movement who died of leukaemia in 1966. Art historians have been searching for her lost works for years. Mellor has had more success: "We found them in the chicken shed on a farm in Kent belonging to one of Boy's relatives," he says. The gallery is now trying to persuade the chickens to part with them and the relatives to allow them to appear.

● *Aides of Jacques Attali, President of the European Bank, pompously refer to their boss as "President Mitterrand's intellectual guru". If this is true, Mitterrand would do well to find a new Latin teacher. At a London European Society lunch this week, Attali told his audience "I shan't keep repeating myself. I won't be like Cicero who kept saying 'Dei laud est Carthago'." Condescendingly he continued: "Latin is a dead language. I suppose there is no one here who knows what I am talking about." Unfortunately, some did. They also knew that it was the refrain of not Cicero, but of Cato the Elder.*

Tyreless

FANS OF Kitty Godfree, the tennis champion who died last Friday at the age of 96, may soon have a lasting memory of her.

when the top prize was a five guinea note, gave one of her final interviews to Paddy Feeney, veteran presenter of the BBC World Service programme *Saturday Sports World*. Feeney, who spent yesterday watching Wimbledon's latest female talent on television, is waiting to hear whether the All England Club will put the tape on sale in the next fortnight.

Godfree stipulated that the interview had to end at noon so that she could make her daily trip to the shops on her bicycle. "She complained that she must be getting older because the cycle ride back from the shops was becoming more difficult," says Feeney. A glance at the bike soon revealed why. She had been riding it with a flat tyre for nearly a year.

Baby Bruges

JOHN MAJOR, anxious to quash the anti-European uprising within his own ranks, will soon be faced with a fresh outbreak of anti-federalist fervour. The Bruges Group has spawned a son. The Young Bruges Group, whose members must be 30 or under, has been formed by Giles Fisher, grandson of the late Sir Antony Fisher, who founded the Institute for Economic Affairs in the 1950s.

Fisher, 26, who runs the children's furniture store Dragons of Walton Street, says: "I think my grandfather would have wanted me to do this. I don't mean any disrespect to the Bruges Group, but it does not appeal to young people."

One of the founders of the original group, Patrick Robertson (himself only 23) says no offence is taken. Back in London after a two-month stint with the World Economic Forum of Switzerland, for

paign. It should not be an issue decided by the over-60s."

Lord Harris of High Cross, who co-founded the IEA, agrees. "For too long Bruges-ists have been scorned as backward-looking. Here we have young people sensitive to the danger. After all youngsters have a bigger interest in this than we old boys have."

Next of Ken?

KENNETH BRANAGH is tipped for a Hollywood sequel to *Wuthering Heights*, the film that gave Laurence Olivier his breakthrough in America. Producers in Tinseltown are already hyping the forthcoming publication of *H*, by Lin Haire Sergeant, the story of Heathcliff's journey back to Wuthering Heights, and see Branagh as a natural for the title role. The book follows on the heels of *Scarlett*, Victoria Ripley's sequel to *Gone With the Wind*, which although not critically acclaimed was hugely successful.

● *Pauline Johnston, wife of Brian Johnston, the eyes and ears of cricket who celebrates his 80th birthday today, has never had a summer holiday away from the crease, despite professing only a mediocre interest in the game. While this would strain many a marriage, the Johnstons have just celebrated 44 years not out. She can still surprise him. When John Major called on her services to present an inscribed bat to Brian at the recent Lords Taverners dinner in his honour, her husband had no idea she was there. Johnston, whose collection of autobiographical anecdotes, *Someone Who Was*, is launched today, says: "I left her at home doing her hair, and the next thing I know she app-*

Bush plays on fears of Perof's dark side

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THAT months before the presidential election, the campaign already seemed to have been decided in favour of George Bush, the Republican challenger to incumbent Democrat Bill Clinton. It was not until the late 1980s that the activities of the then vice-president and his son were exposed. The then vice-president, George H.W. Bush, had been in the White House for less than a year when he was exposed as a liar, a cheat and a thief. The then vice-president, George H.W. Bush, had been in the White House for less than a year when he was exposed as a liar, a cheat and a thief. The then vice-president, George H.W. Bush, had been in the White House for less than a year when he was exposed as a liar, a cheat and a thief.

CAPITAL HEALTH

London wins 20 per cent of national health spending despite housing only 15 per cent of the population. Yet waiting lists in London are among the highest in the country and Londoners are more than average dissatisfied with their health service. This apparent paradox needs to be resolved by government. It will test the political mettle of the new health secretary, Virginia Bottomley.

The structure of health care in the capital is archaic. The concentration of specialist hospitals dates back to the 19th century, when patients routinely came to London for their operations. Since the Lords select committee on metropolitan hospitals reported 100 years ago, there have been no fewer than 18 investigations into the state of health care in London. The diagnoses have been strikingly similar, but the treatment sadly lacking. That there was even a need for an 18th opinion, published by the King's Fund Commission yesterday, is testament to the paralysis of politicians over the past century.

Indeed, Mrs Bottomley is waiting for a 19th opinion, due this autumn, before she makes any decision. Like all her predecessors, she must be praying for a new job before then. She wants her own enquiry team under Sir Bernard Tomlinson to confirm the King's Fund view. She knows he will say the same as everybody else: there are too many acute, specialist teaching hospitals in London and too little primary and community care. He will doubtless prescribe the usual cure: the closure of at least 15 hospitals and the reallocation of money to primary and community care. Mrs Bottomley's task is to persuade a public that is suspicious of her party's commitment to the NHS that closing down famous hospitals will improve health care for Londoners.

The reason Londoners still have to wait for hospital treatment is that teaching hospitals and their consultants prefer to concentrate on glamorous, high-tech specialist treatment than on surgery for hernias or wobbly knees. The more financially stretched the hospitals become, the more general surgery beds they withdraw. High prestige specialties usually

remain untouched, because of the political clout of the top consultants.

The problem has become more visible since the introduction of the internal market. Now that they have to pay a price, health authorities from outside the capital are reluctant to refer their patients there. London costs are far higher than outside: 20 per cent more in London as a whole and 45 per cent more in the inner city. Many provincial hospitals can now offer treatment that used to be available only in the capital.

Meanwhile there is duplication in London of expensive equipment and laboratory costs. The result is that Londoners must wait for elective surgery as their hospitals go into deficit and close down wards. At the same time, because primary care is so bad, expensive hospital beds have become clogged up with long-stay geriatric or mentally ill patients and casualty departments are jammed with patients who ought instead to have seen their GPs. The wards are therefore filled with people who should not be there in the first place, while the people who need the beds often cannot get them.

These distortions have been allowed to continue because of the strength of the consultants' lobby. Most of them were trained or have practised at one of the London teaching hospitals. Threatening to close Guy's or St Thomas's provokes as much outrage as would the threatened closure of Balliol or Magdalen. The anger over the amalgamation of army regiments will be as nothing compared to the fury from consultants facing the demise of their hospital. Their motive is not pure nostalgia: a lucrative Harley Street practice can be best combined with a job at a London hospital.

Londoners need basic, unglamorous health care from GPs, nurses and community health centres. That can only be paid for with the money raised by making London hospitals better suited to the needs not of their doctors, but of their patients. This has been known for decades. When will a minister, or a government, have the courage to act on this knowledge?

CENTRALISM RUN RIOT

An unfortunate juxtaposition of remarks emanated from the environment department yesterday. Its senior minister, Michael Howard, confirmed this year's list of rate-capped authorities: those whom he has failed to browbeat into conforming to his will will now court by statute. Meanwhile a junior minister, John Redwood, attacked local councils for using publicity to save themselves from the attentions of his new Banham commission on local government boundaries. Ministers want no embarrassing publicity such as preceded the demise of the Greater London Council in 1986.

For good measure, Mr Redwood listed some of the activities that a modern Tory minister nowadays associates with subsidiary government in Britain. A county might see its identity reflected in an agricultural show, a cricket team and a lord lieutenant; a town might find expression in a football team, an arts festival and a mayor. Small wonder that councils are frantically campaigning against what they see as another assault on their surviving functions. Small wonder that they want to avert the brusque brushing aside of their viewpoint in each of the reforms inflicted on their finances and powers since 1979.

Tax capping is a democratic obscenity. It was introduced in the 1980s purportedly to "save" local taxpayers from the consequence of local elections, prior to the poll tax that was meant to increase direct accountability. But capping was not ended under poll tax and has not been ended under its successor, the council tax. Nothing indicates more clearly that capping was primarily about increasing central government power. Since discretionary local spending is not included in the Treasury's planning total for public expenditure, this accretion of power is pure meddling, the restless fidgeting of Treasury and environment ministers and officials.

Mr Howard and Mr Redwood, immured

in the corridors of Whitehall, have the same contempt for tiers of government below their own as do Mr Delors and his colleagues in Brussels. All share the same belief: the bigger modern government can be made, the better. Hence the centralisation of local government revenues, both business and domestic; hence the plans to centralise both curriculum and administration of schools; hence the centralisation of transport in London; hence the mooted centralisation of the police.

Now comes the Banham commission with its remit to eliminate "wasteful" tiers of local democracy (no mention of eliminating Whitehall's wasteful oversight of local democracy). The best hope for the local authorities is indeed to persuade Banham to heed their case against the government. Mr Redwood yesterday indicated some openness to at least on the boundaries themselves. He pointed out how wrong the Walker reforms of the 1970s had been in seeking to impose a uniform pattern and asked that Banham respect traditional loyalties rather than the interests of bureaucratic efficiency.

Yet Mr Redwood made no mention of powers and functions. His officials favour single-tier authorities, for no other reason than that these are likely to be smaller in number and thus easier to control. Are two-tier councils, notably in rural areas, not to be allowed to fight back? British local government has a longer and more distinguished history than central government. It has, on most measures, been more efficient. A sensible reform of local taxation and perhaps of local council structure might yet render its accountability more direct than anything noticeable in Westminster. But Mr Redwood now threatens to rate-cap any council that spends money to plead its case. There is clearly no limit to the arrogance of those so long in power.

COLD COMFORT FERME

Britain has football hooligans, Germany has neo-Nazis and France has farmers. A feared and fearful breed, the French variety regularly throw tantrums, abuse and dung. Periodically they leave their pastoral tranquillity and roar into Paris, Brussels or the nearest big city in tractor cavalcades, scattering dead fish, unloading manure on the town hall steps or setting loose flocks of bawling and bewildered sheep. Occasionally they waylay British lorries and organise a hecatomb. Yesterday they went to Versailles, where true to the spirit of their peasant ancestors, they besieged a parliamentary session meeting in Louis XIV's gilded palace. Farming in France is not a job for the faint-hearted.

Wrath is directed against outside competitors undercutting their prices and bureaucrats curbing their mountainous over-production. Biting the hand that has generously fed them for 30 years, they are now protesting at the reform of the common agricultural policy. This, they say, will drive thousands off ancestral lands and leave thousands more impoverished. Already prices paid to meat producers have fallen by an average of 25 per cent in two years. In 20 years, the number of French farmers has dropped from 2.4 million to one million. Before the century is over a further 300,000 will leave the land.

Those remaining can still tyrannise their politicians. Many deputies are also mayors of small provincial towns. Any turnout suspected of siding with the Parisian civil service

tomatoes, eggs and other rural produce as his chauffeur-driven Citroën pulls in to his chateau. No wonder even former president Giscard d'Estaing was to be seen last September playing the accordion with country musicians from his Auvergne constituency.

Most outsiders view rural France from the windows of the family car as it speeds toward a camping site or from the steamed-up window of a local café. Gérard Depardieu's films have reinforced the image of bucolic citizens in bucolic landscapes, small-town characters with grained hands and grained hearts. Stories of the wartime resistance, onion Johnnies from Roscoff, the smell of garlic and Gitanes have created a romantic haze around the life of the French farmer. Only those brave Britons who have managed to pick up a derelict farmhouse for a song have a more realistic perception of *la vie à la campagne*.

Most farming in France nowadays has become an agribusiness in which few managers would recognise the peasant in his beret. Such farming is promoted by multi-million franc advertising and sophisticated lobbying of the European Commission. With white hands and white collars, the new breed has stayed disdainfully clear of the latest tractors, leaving it mainly to the uncompetitive farmers of family holdings to carry the torch of bloody-minded protest. That fizzed out yesterday when the old guard failed to break the regal procession of deputies to Versailles. Their *sans culottes* ancestors had more

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maxwells and the early morning call

From Lord Spens

Sir, The new Director of the Serious Fraud Office, George Staple (letter, June 22) would appear still to be finding his feet in the context of dawn arrests. Perhaps I can assist. I was subjected to the same Orwellian experience on March 10, 1968. A member of the press rang me the night before to inform me of the impending event. No cameras made it to this part of the country at about 7am, but they were gathered in force on my arrival at Holborn police station where I was taken later that morning.

One journalist told me that he had been given a brown paper envelope containing some selected biographical details about me and my family, such as a birth certificate, with accompanying photographs. If the police or the Crown Prosecution Service, who were concerned at the time, were not involved in this stage management, Mr Staple might care to consider who else might have been.

The reason for these dawn arrests seems to me only too obvious — pre-trial publicity.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK SPENS,
Gould, Fritenden,
Cranbrook, Kent.
June 23.

From Mr Jonathan Goldberg, QC

Sir, The reality of a case such as that of Kevin and Ian Maxwell (letters, June 20, 22, 23) is that both men undoubtedly will have instructed experienced solicitors, who will have been in liaison with the investigating police and the Serious Fraud Office. They will presumably have made informal representations requesting that any such arrests and charging should take place at a convenient time, given that these men present no risk whatsoever of absconding.

Accordingly, the media circus which erupted outside the Maxwell brothers' houses at 6.30am must surely have occurred as a result of deliberate tactics by somebody on the prosecution team, setting out to embarrass the accused men and impress the watching public in a clear imitation of what goes on in America, to the great distaste of many eminent lawyers and judges there.

Nor indeed is this the first time that something similar has happened in Serious Fraud Office cases. The letter from the director can only be viewed, I regret to say, as disingenuous. The sooner he investigates and puts a stop to such practices the better for justice.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN J. GOLDBERG,
5 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.
June 23.

From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir, It would have been perfectly possible to arrange an appointment at the Maxwell brothers' solicitors' office for them to give themselves up to the police. This is done quite often. This would have avoided both the early morning call and also the presence of the mass of reporters and photographers.

Yours faithfully,
JACK SHAPIRO,
100 Brim Hill, N2.
June 22.

Unwanted hearing aid

From Sir Peter Tennant

Sir, As the recent victim of a burglary during one lunchtime I have become aware of the insecurity of cordless telephones. I had not understood that such telephones can be tapped by anyone with an ordinary FM receiver in the vicinity, as appears to have happened on this occasion.

Neither the local police nor my insurance company seemed to be aware of this fact. BT, who among other things offer security alarm systems against intruders, seemed to me to be dismissive about this situation.

May I suggest that Ofel (Office of Telecommunications) insists that BT and all those who market cordless telephones make it clear that this equipment can be tapped and are not a secure means of communication.

Yours sincerely,
PETER TENNANT,
Blue Anchor House,
Linchmere Road,
Haslemere, Surrey.
June 23.

Fields of blue and red

From Commander D. J. Childs, RN

Sir, After so much criticism of the EC farm subsidies that have led to a rash of bright-yellow fields of rape across the countryside, may I voice a word of praise both for the subsidies that are now creating acres of beautiful pastel blue shades with the blossoming of fields of flax grown for linseed oil and for the reduction in spraying that has seen the return of the poppy to our fields of grain.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CHILDS,
7 Cardinal Mansions,
Carlisle Place, Westminster, SW1.
June 15.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number —

Culture or drink behind soccer riots?

From the Director of Alcohol Concern

Sir, Dr John Rae (letter, June 17) seems prepared to go to extreme lengths to shift the blame for football hooliganism away from alcohol and on to a "culture that makes the English potentially such a belligerent and anarchic people".

There is considerable evidence that easy access to alcohol increases the danger of violence at football matches. That is why the Italian authorities imposed stringent controls on alcohol sales at the Italia '90 World Cup, with a great degree of success. It is also why the British Transport Police impose alcohol bans on football specials, again with positive results.

Incidents like those witnessed in Sweden occur all too frequently in other parts of the world, from Europe to South America. If the police and football authorities feel that banning alcohol helps to stem violence, they should be given our full backing.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC APPLEBY, Director,
Alcohol Concern,
275 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
June 18.

From Dr Peter Marsh

Sir, Derek Rutherford, Director of the Institute of Alcohol Studies, refers in his letter of June 18 to *Drinking and Public Disorder*, of which I am the co-author. This is a report of research conducted in this country and elsewhere in Europe on the relationships between drinking and certain patterns of anti-social behaviour, including the so-called "lager lout" phenomenon.

Our report also includes, as Derek Rutherford quite rightly observes, a discussion of the psychological effects of alcohol. It is odd, however, that Rutherford takes comfort from this section of our report and uses it to support his rather hostile reply to John Rae's letter.

John Rae, quite unremarkably, suggests that it is deep-rooted cultural factors which explain more fully the recent events in Malmö than the consumption of Scandinavian lagers.

We agree: the effect of alcohol on behaviour is mediated both by the immediate social context in which consumption takes place and by cultural factors which either facil-

Welcome for EC 'open skies' deal

From the Secretary of State for Transport

Sir, There are several points in your report today on EC aviation liberalisation which for the sake of the record I would like to clarify.

It is quite wrong to say that many of our important goals "were at best left uncertain and at worst delayed for four years". The terms of the agreement reached on Monday are clear cut — freedom for airlines in setting fares, freedom of access to all routes in the EC, without restrictions on numbers of flights or numbers of airlines competing. Over 90 per cent of our objectives are achieved. Nearly all of these measures will be fully effective from January 1, 1993.

There are a few safeguards, for example against excessive fares; and access to purely domestic routes is being phased in. But that is all.

Contrary to your report, there are no issues left unresolved "to bring negotiators back around the negotiating table within twelve months". The regulations have been agreed unanimously by the Council. There is no scope for further discussion nor do we want to reopen it.

Achievement of a single market for aviation should bring substantial benefits both for competitive airlines and for the travelling public. It is by any standards a major advance for civil aviation in the European Community.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MACGREGOR,
Department of Transport,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
June 23.

Electricity research

From Professor Ian Fells, FEng

Sir, One of the casualties of electricity privatisation was long-term research. The Electricity Supply Research Council was axed and National Power and PowerGen have cut their research departments to a tenth of their former size. Topics ranging from acid rain to new generation technologies have been abandoned, not by our rivals in Germany and Japan.

Now the profitability of the industry is clear for all to see, and criticism, the enormity of abandoning long-term generic research into electricity generation is even more inexcusable. Some of the profits should be used to reinstate a research programme that was the envy of the world and ensure that companies are as profitable in 20 years' time as they are now.

Yours faithfully,
IAN FELLS,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Chemical and Process Engineering,
Merz Court, The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU.

Old fast food

From Mr Richard Gouch

Sir, The introduction of a fast-food outlet at the entrance to Pompeii (report, June 18) is not in itself a departure: during a recent tour of the Roman remains my excellent Italian guide, Vincenzo, showed me the remains of what he said was believed to have been a Roman snack bar complete with counter and sunken wells for cool food storage and quick dispensing. Situated opposite ancient shops, barbers and commercial enterprises of the day it was part of the shopping scene of the AD 70s.

For Neapolitan conservationists to say that tourists interested in ancient history are not interested in fast food is nothing more than the pathetic voice of local protectionism. On the day I visited Pompeii at least half the visitors were children.

A hamburger restaurant designed to evoke the architecture of a Roman temple may well smack of Disney World, but it is no more likely to deface the archaeological landscape of Pompeii than the shabby, grubby and overpriced catering outlets there, which are the antithesis of the great Italian cuisine culture.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GOUCH,
Weston Cottage,
Whitstone, Hereford.

Motor market

From Mr John Papworth

Sir, Sir Hal Miller, Chief Executive of the British Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, manages in his letter of June 18 to say it all. In this post-Rio de Janeiro era we must go along with the EC in order to achieve a resurgence in motor manufacturing.

With respect,
JOHN PAPWORTH (Editor),
Fourth World Review,
24 Abercorn Place, NW8.
June 18.

Grave goods

From Mr Michael Bywater

Sir, When I go I think I will take with me recent editions of *The Times*, for Mr Morley to see how much fun he continued to give us despite the temporary embarrassment of his demise. Clearly, the show must go on.

Yours etc.,
MICHAEL BYWATER,
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June 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
June 23: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received in the Forecourt of the Palace of Holyroodhouse this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Brown), the Rt Hon the Lord Provost and Members of the City of Edinburgh District Council, when the Lord Provost presented to Her Majesty the Keys of the City, which The Queen returned to him.

A Guard of Honour found by the 2nd Battalion the Scots Guards under the Command of Major Angus MacPherson was mounted in the forecourt.

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

The Lord Macfarlane of Beaton, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was received by The Queen.

Dr David Donaldson was received by The Queen.

Mr Harold Govier was received by The Queen when Her Majesty presented him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended a Garden Party in the grounds of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

By command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Dr Francisco Kende Vegas at 1 Cromwell Road, London SW7, today and bade farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Venezuela to the Court of St James.

By command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Lynn C. Noel and Mrs Noel at 1 Collingham Gardens, Earl's Court, London SW5, today and bade farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Grenada in London.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount St Davids, Lord in Waiting, was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the departure of The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, for a visit to The Netherlands and bade farewell to Her Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today visited Harleford, northern France.

Mr Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 23: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, this morning attended the fifth meeting of the Victim Support Advisory Board at Church House, Westminster, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, this afternoon attended a Presentation Day Ceremony for War-time Graduates at the Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1.

The Princess Royal, Past Master, Worshipful Company of Farriers, this evening attended the Tercentenary Banquet at Guildhall, London EC3, and was received by The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Brian Jenkins).

Mr Andrew Felden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 23: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 23: The Prince of Wales today visited Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness, President, Royal College of General Practitioners, met members of the Scottish Council and the Chairman of the Examination Board of Council at the Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street.

The Prince of Wales subsequently visited the National Gallery of Scotland.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited HMS *Sheffield* (Lieutenant Commander Ian Dill, RN), and HMS *Brimston* (Lieutenant Commander Paul Thomas, RN), at the Fishery Protection Squadron (Captain Laurie Hopkins, RN).

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, the Royal Marsden Hospital, this evening attended Liza Minnelli's tribute to Sammy Davis Junior at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

The Viscountess Campden and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon left Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon for a visit to The Netherlands.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mr Ronald Loudon (representing the Ambassador of The Netherlands), Sir David Muirhead (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Group Captain Martyn Gardiner (Officer Commanding RAF Northolt).

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 23: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, this evening attended the Third Guards' Club Reception at the Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Youth Merchant School, this evening attended a concert at St James's Palace, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Wilton-Stewart was in attendance.



Model sportsman: Duncan Goodhew, the swimmer, with a portrait created by David Hiscock, who will be recording Britain's Olympic team

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Barrowclough, QC, former Ombudsman, 68; Viscount Bledisloe, QC, 58; Sir Bernard Braine, MP, (life peer), 78; Mr Garfield Davis, trades unionist, 57; Mrs Anis Desai, novelist, 55; Professor K.J. Durran, rector, Huddersfield Polytechnic, 63; Mr Juan Fangu, racing driver, 81; Mr Mick Fleetwood, drummer, 50; Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, astronomer, 77; Miss Betty Jackson, fashion designer, 45; Sir Edward Jackson, diplomat, 67; Mr Brian Johnston, cricket commentator, 80; the Earl of Northesk, 66; Lieutenant-General Sir William Pike, former Chief Commander, St John Ambulance, 67; Professor John Postgate, microbiologist, 70; Sir John Whitford, former High Court judge, 79.

Dinners

The Royal Automobile Club
Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of The Royal Automobile Club, hosted a dinner, at the Pall Mall Clubhouse, for members of the Club. Lord Pakenham responded on behalf of the Members.

Wolfson Course and Programme
The Director of the Wolfson Course and Programme, Mr J.N. King, and Mrs King were hosts at a Dinner on Friday June 19, at Wolfson College, Cambridge, to mark the Midland Bank Morrison Police Studentships for 1992/93. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Professor Sir David Williams, and Lady Williams received the guests who included: Earl and Countess Ferrers, HM Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, Mr J.G.P. Crowden, the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire and Mrs Kane, the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire and Mrs John Holloway (Midland Bank) and Mrs Holloway and Mr Gordon Morrison (Morrison Trust).

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will review The Scots Guards in Holyrood Park at 11.00 to mark the regiment's 350th anniversary. The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Duke of Edinburgh Museum in Edinburgh at 2.50 to preview the forthcoming exhibition "World in Our Hands".

The Prince of Wales, as President of Scottish Business in the Community, will launch the Scottish Environment and Business Initiative and the Forth Valley Enterprises Education Business Partnership at Stirling Castle at 10.50.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Relate, will visit the North Humberside Relate centre, 1 Charlotte Mews, Hull, at 11.40; will open Dove House Hospice, Chamberlain Road, at 12.45, and will open F. Smiles and Son (fish merchants) at West Dock Street, at 2.40.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit the

RFAC-The Sunday Times
Prince Michael of Kent presented the awards and certificates to the winners and the commended schemes of the Royal Fine Art Commission-Sunday Times Building of the Year Award 1992 on Tuesday, June 23, at the Lansborough Hotel, London, SW1. He was received by Lord St John of Fawley, Chairman of the Commission, and Mr Andrew Neil, Editor of *The Sunday Times*, and attended a reception and private luncheon afterwards.

Latest wills
Recent wills include:
Sir Basil Malcolm Fraser, 2nd and last Bart. of Deal, Kent left estate valued at £874,245 net.

Receptions

Cambridge Union Alumni Society
Mr Nick Allen, President of the Cambridge Union Alumni Society, held a reception at Brook's last night.

Leger Galleries
Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, Secretary of State for the National Heritage, attended a reception given by Mr David Pomeroy at The Leger Galleries yesterday evening and opened their Centenary Exhibition of Works by Samuel Palmer.

Ipswich School
Mr I.G. Galbraith, Head of the Upper School at Dulwich College, has been appointed Headmaster of Ipswich School in succession to Dr J.M. Blatchly who will retire in August 1993.

Artists seek own Olympic records

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time since the ancient Olympics, sport and art are being brought together for the Barcelona Games with the appointment of official artists from five European nations who will be part of the performing teams. Britain's representative is David Hiscock, a 35-year-old photographic artist.

Olympic arts festivals were begun at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, and Barcelona's programme of arts events will cost more than Madrid's budget as European city of culture for 1992.

Mr Hiscock and his colleagues will have the same official status as press photographers to record the events as they happen. He has already made a series of sporting studies that go on show in London today.

Among them is a portrait of Kris Akabusi, who carries Britain's hopes for a medal in the 400 metres hurdles. "I'm

very impressed" Mr Akabusi said. "David came down to our training camp at Horsham and just joined in. His pictures are not of personalities but parts of a team."

Mr Hiscock was selected by a panel of artists and the British Olympic committee. But while his current show features gold medalists, he says he is not interested primarily in winners.

"As a photographic artist it will be interesting to notice how the press photographers will all be at the finishing line while I am toddling about taking pictures of the people trailing in last, because even those who don't make the newspapers are part of the Olympics and that is what I have to try and capture."

David Hiscock's work is on show at Pomeroy Purdy Gallery in Butlers Wharf, London SE1, from today until July 7.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer, Balsorath, Dumfriesshire, 1771; William Henry Smith, statesman and bookseller, London 1825; Horatio Kitchener, 1st Earl Kitchener, field marshal, Kerry, Ballylongford, Co Kerry, 1850; Jack Dempsey, world heavyweight boxing champion 1919-26, Manassas, Colorado, 1895.

DEATHS: John Hampden, parliamentary leader, Thame, Oxon, 1643; William Smith, poet, Norwich, 1314.

1849; Adam Lindsay Gordon, poet, Brighton, Melbourne, 1870; Marie Francois Camot, president of France, 1897-99, assassinated, Lyons, 1894; Guy Cleveland, 22nd president of the United States, and 24th 1893-97, Princeton, New Jersey, 1908; Stuart Davis, painter, New York, 1964.

Robert Bruce defeated the English under Edward II at Bannockburn, 1314.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Blackburn Gittings and Miss G. Shaw
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Mr John Blackburn Gittings, of Chelsea, London, and Miss Gail Shaw, of Knightsbridge, London, only daughter of Mr Peter William Edward Shaw, of Maungarapu, Tauranga, New Zealand.

Flight Lieutenant
J.R. Christen, RAF, and Captain J.D. Wootton, QARANC
The engagement is announced between Mr John Christen, of Brunen, Germany, and Joanne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Wootton, of West Keal, Lincolnshire.

Mr N.F.S. James and Miss E. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of the late P.L.S. James and of Mrs D.S.F. James, of Iden, near Rye, East Sussex, and formerly of Assisi, India, and Kanan Harrison, of Los Angeles, USA.

Mr J.D. Pocock and Miss N.M. Canfield
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Pocock, of Haslemere, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Canfield, of East Meon.

Mr M.J. Richardson and Miss K.S. Periwé
The engagement is announced between Mark James, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Richardson, of Oxford, Kent, and Karl, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Periwé, of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr G.C. Rogers and Miss J.W.H. Boyd
The engagement is announced between Grant, son of Mr and Mrs F.H. Rogers, of Somerset West, South Africa, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Boyd, of Leicester, formerly Hollywood, County Down.

Marriages
Mr M.C. Haddam-Morley and Miss N.M. Davies
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 20, 1992, at St Mary's Church, Stowington, Kent, of Mr Crispin (Chris) Haddam-Morley to Miss Nicola Davies (Niki Lawrence), Kent.

Mr P.S. Jones and Mrs P. Mitzman
The marriage took place on Friday, June 19, at Richmond, Surrey, of Peter Stefan, son of Mr David Jones and Mrs Dorothy Morrison, to Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Waldman.

Mr S. Price and Miss F. Shepley
The marriage took place on June 13, at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, of Mr Sebastian Price, elder son of Mr Christopher (Kit) Price and the late Mrs Margaret Price, of Moron Bagot, Warwickshire, and Miss Fiona Shepley, daughter of Commander and Mrs John Shepley, of St Margaret's Bay, Kent.

The bride was attended by Ruth Newton-Jones, Emily McCleod, Georgina Hall and Max Taylor-Smith.

The reception was held in The Painted Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C. Stophord Sackville and Miss S. McKinnay
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 13, at Moncreaf, Malton, of Mr Charles Stophord Sackville to Miss Shona McKinnay. The Rev Michael Thompson of Lowick officiated.

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The argot aspirin is vain to wisdom, while to those with understanding comes readily.
Proverbs 14: 6 REB

BIRTHS

BLAKE - On June 20th, to Glenda (née Humphreys) and James, a daughter, Harriet Phillips Llewellyn.

BRISTOW - On June 19th, to Jane (née Pugh) and John, a daughter, Harriet Victoria Elizabeth, a sister for Simon, Lawrence and William.

COBB - On June 18th, to Iona (née Stormont-Darling) and Justin, a son, Hugo Peter, a brother for Zoe and Oliver.

DENNISON - On June 23rd, to Bridget (née Hill) Lewis and Clive, a daughter, Alice.

GARROD - On June 14th, to Amanda (née Bourne) and Hugh, a son, George Charles.

GLASS - On June 18th, to Louise (née Hamilton) and Luke, a daughter, Francesca Julia Helen, a sister for Alexander.

HOSKIN - On June 22nd, to Joanna (née Mudd) and Marcus, a son, Joseph Peter.

MILES - On June 20th, to Madeline (née Lott) and Hugh, a daughter, Laura Caroline, a sister for Robbie and Alexander.

PARSONS - On June 22nd in Sydney, Australia, to Alice (née Palmer) and Anthony, a daughter, Emily Jane, a sister for Harry, Kate and Andrew.

PICKWORTH - On June 15th, at Ipswich Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Parkhouse) and Dr Anthony James, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, a sister for Catherine.

ROUTH - On June 22nd in Leuven, Belgium, to Katrien (née Sutherland) and Simon, a son, Edward James Benjamin, a brother for Charlotte.

STEWART - On June 21st, to Gill (née Fawcett) and James, a daughter, Alexandra Gillian Anne, a sister for Joanne.

WALLI - On June 19th, at the Hospital Wellington, to Maher and Yvonne, a son, Mark Alexander.

WILSON - On June 21st, to Claire (née Dillon) and Michael, a son, Thomas George, a brother for Alexander.

MARRIAGES

BELCHWEST - On Saturday June 20th 1992, at Old Church, St. Andrew, Porthcawl, by the Rev. Frank J. Gardner, M.A., Alexander and Dorothy West, 44, of Porthcawl, Glamorgan, to Dorothy West, 44, of Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

DEATHS
BAIC - On June 21st 1992, peacefully at home, Marian, aged 76, after a long illness, to be buried in the cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1992, at 10.30 am.

BENSON - On June 19th, Dr. Peter, aged 59 years, after a long illness, to be buried in the cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1992, at 10.30 am.

BOURNE - On June 22nd 1992, at home, John (Jack) Bourne, aged 84, of 10, St. Peter's Church, Porthcawl, to be buried in the cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1992, at 10.30 am.

BURKITT JONES - On June 16th, in hospital after a short illness, Eileen Mary (née Clayton), widow of Tommy, formerly of 10, St. Peter's Church, Porthcawl, to be buried in the cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1992, at 10.30 am.

CAMERON - On June 19th 1992, in hospital in Brighton, Ronald, aged 82, of 10, St. Peter's Church, Porthcawl, to be buried in the cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1992, at 10.30 am.

CLAYTON - On June 20th 1992, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, following a short illness, Anthony, aged 81, of 10, St. Peter's Church, Porthcawl, to be buried in the cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1992, at 10.30 am.

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OBITUARIES

SIR JOHN BARNES

Sir (Ernest) John (MBE) Barnes, KCMG, WBE (m), a former British ambassador to the Netherlands and to Israel, died on June 11 aged 74. He was born on June 22, 1917.

JOHN Barnes was among the dearest diplomats of his time and could well have won any of his profession's most glittering prizes. His deep interest in (and knowledge of) international security made him look like a candidate for the post of Britain's representative at Nato or the still higher profile appointment at the United Nations.

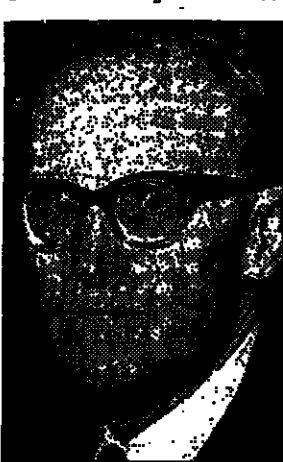
As it was, he had five comparatively uneventful years at The Hague, although they included the period of the 1973 Arab oil embargo which led to some tension between the Netherlands and her allies. He also indulged his passion for defence issues and was a familiar face at European seminars on strategy during this time.

He made his most lasting impression, however, in Israel. He arrived in Tel Aviv in 1969, two years after the triumph of the Six Days War and left in 1972, some 12 months before the near disaster of Yom Kippur. Israel is a notoriously hard post for British envoys, given the Arabist indications of the Foreign Office and the complicating factor of oil politics. Outnumbered by his counter-

part in Arab lands, a British ambassador to Israel has always to fight for a fair hearing in Whitehall.

Barnes responded to the challenge with great vigour, learning Hebrew, and cultivating a good relationship with Golda Meir's government. He enjoyed dissent and debate to an extent which was unusual for diplomats, most of whom tend to make a bee-line for consensus.

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Fernando Penabaz

FERNANDO Penabaz Cobarr, a Cuban-American radio commentator for the conservative Spanish-language Miami station Radio Mambi, has died of cancer in hospital in Baltimore. He was 75.

Radio Mambi, which is owned by Viva America, is popular among members of Miami's anti-Castro Cuban-Americans.

The son of a Cuban father and North American mother, Penabaz was born in the United States and moved to Cuba when he was six. He graduated in law and opened a private firm in Santiago de Cuba.

After the 1959 Cuban Revolution he returned to the United States, where he launched his radio broadcasting career and became one of the Cuban-American community's most influential commentators. He also travelled around the country lecturing on Cuba.

Henry Moir Wilson, CB, CMG, MBE, a leading British defence scientist, died on June 18 aged 81. He was born on September 3, 1910.

AS HEAD of the defence research and development staff at the British Embassy in Washington, Harry Wilson was among those advising the prime minister Harold Macmillan at his historic Nassau summit with President Kennedy in December 1962. This was the conference at which the United States formally agreed to sell Britain its new Polaris submarine-launched ballistic missile — now shortly to be phased out by its successor system Trident.

The Nassau Agreement marked the end of an eventful year for Wilson. Arriving in the American capital in the previous February, he had found himself occupying a front seat for the Cuban missile crisis, when John F. Kennedy squared up to Nikita Khrushchev over the forward basing of Soviet ballistic missiles in the Caribbean, America's "backyard".

After six years as director-general of aircraft equipment research at the Ministry of Aviation, he was already regarded as a leading scientific officer. In 1965 he was made deputy chief scientist (army) at the Ministry of Defence, then chief scientist (army) for three years. In 1970 he was appointed to his final job as director of the SHAPE technical centre at The Hague. There he led an international team of 90 scientists who since the mid-1950s had been responding to the technical demands of Nato's supreme allied commander and his staff at Mons. Wilson retired from there in 1975.

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1930s and served as tutor on the advanced armaments course at Fort Haldensay between 1943 and 1946, after which he was appointed MBE. He spent the next 12 months at the Empire Air Armaments School, Manby, before leaving the RAF and joining the Ministry of Supply in 1947. He moved to Farnborough the same year.

While at Queen's University, Wilson had been president of the Lister Society, which made a conscious effort to bridge the gulf between art and science. He ever afterwards prided himself on being a highly literate scientist, reading widely and thinking deeply outside his subject.

He had a reputation for being a good listener — but only as long as the other person was worth listening to. His style was to wait while his interlocutor rambled on, then cut him short when he eventually stumbled.

He could be a master of the silent interview. A Farnborough colleague who once approached him to ask for authorisation to borrow a Lancaster aircraft for some bombing trials was heard out in silence and then told to go back and redraft his case. The colleague returned next day and on entering Wilson's office was met with a stony silence. Eventually Wilson rose, walked to the window and stared out too. Then Wilson returned and sat down at his desk. His colleague sat down too. After several more minutes Wilson finally said "yes". But having made up his mind, he did not change it.

Harry Wilson, who was awarded an honorary doctorate of science, is survived by his wife, Eve, and by one son and three daughters.

JINTY BLANCKENHAGEN

Janette "Jinty" Blankenhagen, MBE, former director of the Breast Care & Mastectomy Association, died in Richmond, Surrey, on June 8 aged 53. She was born in Renfrewshire on April 12, 1939.

WHAT makes a contented wife and mother, living in comfortable middle-class circumstances with no need to work, decide to accept the challenge of taking on an obscure charity, struggling to survive? In the case of Jinty Blankenhagen, former director of the Breast Care & Mastectomy Association (BCMA), the spur to action was her own experience of breast cancer. It was diagnosed first in 1978, a time when the disease was still a taboo subject.

She found that the isolation and sense of being cast into a cancer limbo were almost harder to bear than the treatment itself, though tough that was. She realised that if these were her feelings, with the support of a large loving family and many friends, other women less fortunately placed would be suffering considerably more.

Jinty Blankenhagen discovered the BCMA by chance and was immensely grateful for the understanding and practical advice that its founder, Betty Westgate, was able to give her. Apart from fitting and advising on prostheses, to supplement what is still a poorly run service within the NHS, the organisation largely depends on the volunteer services of a country-wide network of women, all of whom have "been there" with breast cancer. Their role is to help others going through the same experi-



ence. When Jinty felt she had fully recovered her emotional equilibrium she began work as a BCMA volunteer, at the same time setting up the Richmond branch of CancerLink, then in its infancy as a self-help organisation for cancer patients. In 1984 she was invited to become a member of the BCMA Council.

When, in 1986, it was apparent that BCMA needed to consolidate its work on a more professional footing, she was the

obvious choice for director. She succeeded so well in her directorship that after three years she was able to hand over the BCMA, thriving and well established, to her successor.

Jinty Blankenhagen's qualifications and experience were tailor-made for the post: a degree in psychology and philosophy from Edinburgh University followed by Bedford College and LSE diplomas in social work and five years practical experience as a medical social worker before the birth of her first daughter. She embarked on the job with enthusiasm and an unquenchable appetite for getting things done.

Women who may have picked their way somewhat dubiously through the seamy side streets of King's Cross, where the offices were then located, were always warmly welcomed by the welcome they received from Jinty and her small staff. Many were encouraged to become volunteers themselves. Her second aim was to raise the profile of the BCMA so that it could take its place with confidence among the swelling numbers of self-help organisations. A strong believer in the voluntary sector, Jinty was particularly concerned that the cancer charities should work together, not in competition with each other.

Her cancer recurred after eleven years of remission. But by the time she retired these aims had been realised. Her professional achievements were recognised by her appointment as MBE and by the gold award from the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

She is survived by her husband, Michael, and their three daughters.

APPRECIATIONS

Sir Charles Groves

I SHOULD like to expand on the brief reference in your obituary of Sir Charles Groves (June 22) to his encouragement of the young. He was the first and only chairman of the Council of the Royal Northern College of Music on which I served as his vice-chairman from 1975 until it was succeeded by the present board of governors following the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The establishment of a new college, albeit on the foundations of two existing institutions, presented many problems and Charles's sound knowledge of both counterpoint and harmony almost always ended in a satisfactory resolution, if not a perfect cadence, which was of inestimable help in pointing the direction in which the youngest of the Royal Music Colleges should follow.

His assiduous attendance at council meetings in Manchester and wise advice in the midst of a hectic professional career firmly established the high esteem in which the RNCM is now held. But of particular importance to students was his accessibility and his understanding of the problems affecting the life of the aspiring professional. The in-

spiration he gave in rehearsals and numerous public performances by the College Opera department, which achieved international acclaim, and by the choir and orchestra will long be remembered by those who were lucky enough to work under his baton.

Simon Towneley, Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire.

MAY I be allowed to add a word to your obituary of Sir Charles Groves?

Throughout his life he was a vigorous champion of the amateur musician, conducting choirs and orchestras throughout the country and giving them the recognition they deserved for their service to the community.

For eight years from 1972 to 1980 Sir Charles was the president of the National Federation of Music Societies and supported our work in every possible way, conducting concerts, speaking at conferences, teaching and writing letters. Since 1980, as a vice-president, he was unstinting in his time and encouragement for amateur musicians and never once refused our requests for help.

His death has deprived us all of our last senior conductor who happily collaborated with amateurs and professionals alike.

Russell Jones.

Tom Bergmann

I HAD the great pleasure of being with Tom Bergmann (obituary, June 19) in Prague for the Hoffnung concert just before he died. To be with him and the lovely Annetta through the rehearsals and performance on his return to his beloved Prague after 44 years was one of the joys of my life. He was very proud of being Czech.

But he was also proud of his adopted home. If I ever criticised Britain as one who had adopted Britain, would tell me how wrong I was. He was also an enthusiastic Geordie, including his support of the Northumbrian Miners Clog Dancing Association.

He was one of those whose legacy was the Tyne and Wear Metro. As the first di-

rector general of the Passenger Transport Executive I told him how I wanted to use his public relations skills to promote the Metro. Again he told me how wrong I was. Thus began a partnership which led to total political consensus when the Tory leader of the opposition in Newcastle urged the Tory Minister, John Peyton, to support the Labour majority proposal. It culminated in three years after the Metro had been but a line on a map unheard of progress.

Part of Tom's charm, although in my experience he was personally unfailingly reliable, was that one never certain if all his tales were quite true. He was a romantic and I suspect that he could not have crowded so much into a life of only 67 years.

Professor Tony M. Ridley

Lieut-Gen Eric Goddard

PRIOR to 1942 India had always assumed its NE frontier to be impenetrable and there were neither plans for its defence nor basic facilities. Transportation was limited to narrow gauge railways, often interrupted by a ferry crossing. Between the fall of Burma and its recapture Lieutenant-General Eric Goddard (obituary, June 15) overcame the immense logistical problems of defending that frontier and then of launching the counter attack. Goddard's greatest contri-

bution was his mastery of those problems but even in that role he did not cease to disregard personal dangers. When an excited mob of several hundred set out, at the height of the civil disobedience campaign, to attack his HQ he intercepted them with his ADC and driver. Alone he ordered them to return and when their leader refused he seized and beat him with his only weapon — a swagger cane, the crowd fled.

He worked a 21 hour day ending at 4am and starting again at seven and deserved far greater recognition than he was ever accorded.

John Constable

JUNE 24 ON THIS DAY 1937

THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED OVER THIS VICTORY BY JOE LOUIS (1914-81) WERE CONFOUNDED EXACTLY A YEAR LATER WHEN HE KNOCKED OUT MAX SCHMELING IN THE FIRST ROUND. THE "BROWN BOMBER" CLAIM TO BE THE GREATEST IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE INDISPUTABLE — LOSING ONLY THREE CONTESTS BETWEEN 1934 AND 1951 AND DEFENDING HIS TITLE 25 TIMES.

THE FIGHT ROUND BY ROUND

Round 1: Braddock started with a right swing and a jab to the head. Louis landed a left to the chin. They sparred for a few moments and then Louis jabbed with his left before landing a right to the chest.

Round 2: Louis opened, jabbing his left. Braddock swung a right to the head and Louis countered with a right to the chin. Jumping in the negro landed a short left to the champion's chin.

Round 3: Braddock scored a left to the head. He was now carrying the fight to his opponent.

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Cambridge Tripos results

Background of Music
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3. Schubert: 4. Schumann: 5. Brahms: 6. Wagner: 7. Mahler: 8. Strauss: 9. Schoenberg: 10. Berg: 11. Webern: 12. Hindemith: 13. Stravinsky: 14. Prokofiev: 15. Shostakovich: 16. Tchaikovsky: 17. Rimsky-Korsakov: 18. Borodin: 19. Rimsky-Korsakov: 20. Rimsky-Korsakov: 21. Rimsky-Korsakov: 22. Rimsky-Korsakov: 23. Rimsky-Korsakov: 24. Rimsky-Korsakov: 25. Rimsky-Korsakov: 26. Rimsky-Korsakov: 27. Rimsky-Korsakov: 28. Rimsky-Korsakov: 29. Rimsky-Korsakov: 30. Rimsky-Korsakov: 31. Rimsky-Korsakov: 32. Rimsky-Korsakov: 33. Rimsky-Korsakov: 34. Rimsky-Korsakov: 35. Rimsky-Korsakov: 36. Rimsky-Korsakov: 37. Rimsky-Korsakov: 38. Rimsky-Korsakov: 39. Rimsky-Korsakov: 40. Rimsky-Korsakov: 41. Rimsky-Korsakov: 42. Rimsky-Korsakov: 43. Rimsky-Korsakov: 44. Rimsky-Korsakov: 45. Rimsky-Korsakov: 46. Rimsky-Korsakov: 47. Rimsky-Korsakov: 48. Rimsky-Korsakov: 49. Rimsky-Korsakov: 50. Rimsky-Korsakov: 51. Rimsky-Korsakov: 52. Rimsky-Korsakov: 53. Rimsky-Korsakov: 54. Rimsky-Korsakov: 55. 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15 nurses questioned after death at Rampton

By LIN JENKINS

POLICE yesterday interviewed 15 nurses from Rampton high security hospital about a patient's death and the Director of Public Prosecutions is to decide whether any staff will be charged. The patient had a heart attack after being restrained.

A second post mortem examination on Bryan Marsh, 42, by Dr Iain West, head of forensic medicine at Guy's hospital and a Home Office pathologist, suggested that the way he was treated by staff might have contributed to his death.

A hospital spokesman said

that the staff interviewed yesterday attended voluntarily, although nine were cautioned before doing so.

Mr Marsh, who came from Kent and had been a patient at Rampton for 12 years, died on May 31 after being restrained and locked up alone during an incident in the dining room of Elms Villa, one of the hospital wards. At the opening of an inquest on June 5 at Nottingham the coroner was told that a post mortem examination showed he had died of a heart attack and the hearing was adjourned.

Paul Bacon, the solicitor acting for Mr Marsh's family, requested a second examination which was carried out last Thursday by Dr West. Mind, the mental health charity, met the cost.

"That examination shows that he certainly died from a heart attack. The question is whether there is any causal connection with what happened shortly before. It shows that the forms of restraint would give cause for concern and justify an investigation by the police and the coroner," said Mr Bacon.

The inquest will not be resumed until Barbara Mills, QC, the director of public prosecutions, has decided whether to bring charges and all legal proceedings have ended.

Supt Michael Cox, who is leading the investigation, said the nurses were interviewed yesterday for the second time. "The second post mortem examination raises concerns about the restraint holds placed on the deceased just prior to his death. As a consequence of that we reinterviewed some of the staff. The report will go to the DPP who will decide whether to bring charges."

An internal enquiry into the death was carried out by Rampton. At the time John Chapman, director of planning, said there were no suspicious circumstances. Dr Diana Dickens, general manager of Rampton, said she was surprised that the staff were being questioned but could not comment as she had not seen the report.

New York mob riots over Gotti

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claimed to be an honest plumbing salesman framed by the FBI. Yesterday as he prepared to spend the rest of his life in less fashionable attire, speculation had begun over whether he will be able to run the Gambino clan from prison. Gotti is known to want his son, John Jr, to take over, but others within the family, who regard John Jr as an irritating novice, favour James "Jimmy Brown" Acuri, who is 79 and has the right gravitas for the job.

Some FBI investigators reportedly believe that in order to avoid a bloodbath over the succession, Gotti may try to maintain control from prison where he is also somewhat safer from would-be assassins.

The snaring of Gotti is the latest of a series of victories against the New York mafia. Last week, Vittorio Amuso, head of the Lucchese crime family, was convicted of murder and racketeering and now faces life imprisonment. Two other reputed mafia leaders have also been indicted on federal charges in Brooklyn.

The head of the Gambino family will not lack familiar company behind bars.



Children's champion: Michael Jackson arriving in London yesterday to announce that he was making "the safety, health and development of children the world's highest priority" by launching a new charitable foundation. The pop music press seemed more concerned about whether Jackson would be sporting his latest sartorial gimmicks (Joe Joseph writes). Would he be wearing his new arm

splint, which gives him the air of a permanent victim of a skiing accident? What shape of nose did he currently favour? Would it melt under the heat of all the TV spotlights? When Jackson finally appeared, it was in a black military uniform, dark aviator sunglasses, silver-and-gold sashes and spangly shoes. The effect was of a rather camp Latin American general. "Our children are the most beautiful,

most sweet, most treasured of our creations," he said. "Children have few rights and no one to speak for them. I have founded the Heal the World Foundation to be the voice of the children." A Michael Jackson international children's prize will allocate \$65,000 (£35,000) each year to each of six individuals — one from each continent — who have done most

GPs oppose night cover

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cover themselves, were opposed.

The average GP spends six nights and one weekend a month on call but remains responsible around the clock for work done in his name. In the past, the BMA has stopped short of pressing for an end to 24-hour responsibility because of fears that it might threaten GPs' right to work as

self-employed independent contractors, which carries tax advantages. Brian Mawhinney, health minister, said yesterday that patients attached considerable importance to round-the-clock responsibility. "It is a principle which I think we would have difficulty in moving away from," he said.

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MPs urge law on Aids

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would make matters much worse by driving people living with HIV underground. The National Aids Trust feared that new laws could deter people who thought they had HIV from undergoing tests. Andrew Puddhephat, the general secretary of Liberty, formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties, said that laws based on individual cases were gen-

erally bad laws. Dr Bernard Crump, director of public health for the South Birmingham health authority, said yesterday that officials and clinicians involved in the case took the view that the failure of the man, a haemophiliac, to comply with advice was a matter of regrettable irresponsibility rather than a wilful intention to infect.

Action ruled out, page 2

Political sketch

MPs skip dizzily into a time warp

On any day you care to mention, education questions in the Commons turn the air blue with personal insult and split infinitives. On most days the onlooker will also encounter a historical howler and, with luck, several cases of gross immaturity. But yesterday saw the boys and girls sucked into a time-vortex in which archaeology, anthropology and child psychology spun out of control.

John Patten started it. The education secretary, who is acquiring a terrible aplomb in his new job and appears to have dispensed with notes, lashed out at the inoffensive Jim Callaghan (Lab, Heywood & Middleton) and called him antediluvian and neo-Marxist. Quibble, if you like, that to be a Marxist before the flood would be to be a proto-Marxist — but who cares? At Oxford Mr Patten was a geography don and cheerfully struts on the old saw "If you can do it, if you can't teach, if you can't teach, teach geography. And if you can't teach geography, become secretary of state for education."

Tory backbenchers decided to join their boss on his journey through time. When Labour's Derek Fatchett, an education spokesman with a Herman's Hermits haircut and psychodelic tie, rose to intervene, someone shouted: "Here come the 1960s." Mr Fatchett then accused Tories of "going back into the 19th century" with their policy of selection. Labour's education front bench are against selection on the basis of merit. Looking at them, you can see why.

"They go back further than the 19th century," said Mr Patten, hoping for a counter-bid. Up jumped Jack Straw, Labour's principal spokesman, ex-student activist and Elvis Costello lookalike. "Here come the 1970s," shouted the Tories.

Something in Mr Patten's brain flipped. Perhaps the 60s, 70s and pre-19th century neo-Marxist antediluvianism had been too much for him. "New schools," he cried, the dispatch box in front of him ominously bare of civil service briefing, "new schools" were starting up everywhere, "some specialising in ballet, some in opera..."

— Terry Dicks (C, Hayes & Harlington), who has described opera as "fat Italians in tight-fitting singlets in false voices", stirred angrily in his seat — "...and some in the performing arts".

MPs marvelled at the vision the minister was conjuring up, but a little uneasily. They could anticipate the delegation of ministers to the Clay Cross local comprehensive was instructing their sons exclusively in ballet, *pas de chat* on the slag heaps; or that boys were being recruited as *castrati* in Rotham primary schools. But there was no stopping Mr Patten, who struck out for the Tory shores. "Some schools are beginning to teach technology bilingually," he barked, "in English and German — and what a marvellous idea that is!"

MPs scratched their heads. Many of them would be hard put to assimilate the instructions for boiling an egg in basic English. Few have mastered the intermediate technology of the self-operated BBC radio studio at Westminster, and only Teresa Gorman knows what chloroformocarbon is. But discipline is good on the Tory benches. "Hear, hear!" came the slightly tentative cry. What would be next? Compulsory juggling classes in Hartlepool, delivered in Serbo-Croat?

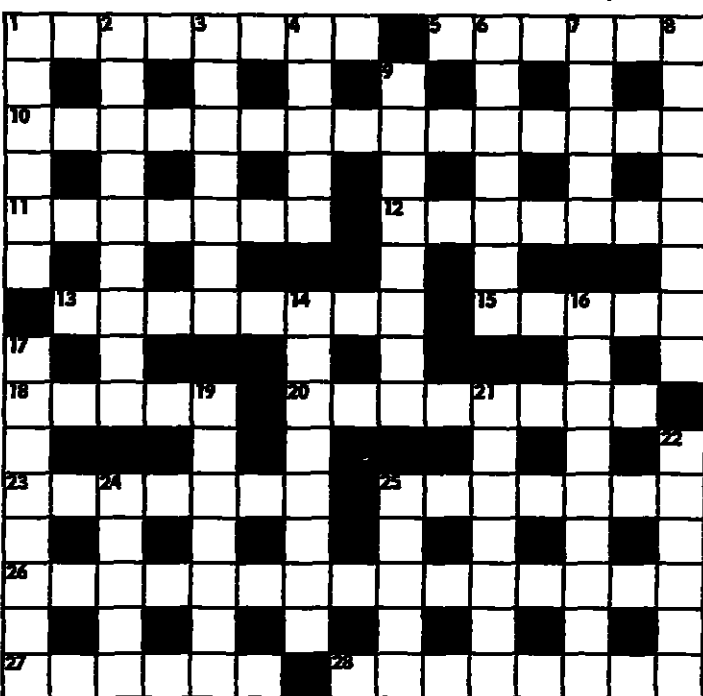
So it was a relief when Mr Patten yielded the dispatch box to junior minister Eric Forth. Forth dresses in violent suits with purple shirts and gold chains. He slicks his hair and sports sideburns. Back to the 50s. "There is no established connection between educational expenditure and educational quality," he barked. The 1850s, that is.

Chronology had gone wild. At prime minister's questions, MPs were still disoriented. Labour's Derek Enright complained to Mr Major that he had written to ministers in September last and still awaited a reply. "And it's now July."

"June!" shouted the brighter elements on the backbenches. "Well, almost July," said Enright. Quite, said the PM, thinking fast. And the reply was almost in the post.

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,953



- ACROSS**
- 1 Impetuous bridge player doubled experts (8).
 - 5 Sounds like beer circle someone on the wagon can be in (6).
 - 15 Is moderate (6-2-3-4).
 - 11 Modernizes to increase fruit production (7).
 - 2 E.g. novel for old-fashioned man and maiden (7).
 - 13 One way to translate "bete noire" (8).
 - 16 Invest a sovereign — or less (5).
 - 18 Launch is departing from this bank (5).
 - 20 Complete essay forming part of book (3-5).
 - 23 Forward-looking new president's address — drop in (7).
 - 24 Unidentified object that is moving West at first (7).
 - 26 Like those who appeal before law groups one by one (15).
 - 27 Fabric turned yellow by end of the day (6).
 - 28 Recollective e.g. theorem not hard for such an expert? (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 It's meant to take in a sucker (and vice versa) (6).
 - 2 Helped to stay aloft in current before getting to port (5-4).
 - 3 Case for piece made by composer to monarch (7).
 - 4 Solemnly addresses short measures (5).
 - 6 Frenetic pace — it's how the theatre should be (7).
 - 7 Audible sound of disapproval increased in volume (5).
 - 8 Minuet doctor composed for primitive organ (8).
 - 9 Tense squadron leader took part in exercise (8).
 - 14 Utopian concept put on record (8).
 - 16 A mistake, in more than one sense (9).
 - 17 Beaten and subjected to embarrassment (8).
 - 19 Physical activities prove satisfactory (4,3).
 - 21 Is a TV-am broadcast a repeat from way back? (7).
 - 22 This horse's way — always runs to the finish (6).
 - 24 Bungle a mission? Not much brilliance visible there (5).
 - 25 Blow like tornado, initially, in contrary directions (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,952

ACROSS
1 IMPETUOUS
5 SOUNDS
15 MODERATE
11 MODERNIZES
2 E.G. NOVEL
13 ONE WAY
16 INVEST
18 LAUNCH
20 COMPLETE
23 FORWARD-LOOKING
24 UNIDENTIFIED
26 LIKE THOSE
27 FABRIC
28 RECOLLECTIVE

DOWN
1 IT'S
2 HELPED
3 CASE
4 SOLEMNLY
6 FRENETIC
7 AUDIBLE
8 MINUET
9 TENSE
14 UTOPIAN
16 A MISTAKE
17 BEATEN
19 PHYSICAL
21 IS A TV-AM
22 THIS HORSE'S
24 BUNGLE
25 BLOW LIKE

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 12 per cent of the competitors at the 1992 London B regional final of The Times InterCity Crossword Championship.

Concise Crossword, page 9

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. What definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

- BURKE**
- a. To balk or pass over
 - b. An irritating fool
 - c. To murder by suffocation
- GLOZING**
- a. Interpreting, commenting on
 - b. Cheating or tricking
 - c. A type of pottery glaze
- TERRENTIV**
- a. Being full of holes
 - b. Of the earth, earthy
 - c. A savoury dish of pig's brains
- HERPETINE**
- a. Repetitive or snake-like
 - b. Liable to herpes
 - c. Traitorous

Answers on page 16

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Penzance 9.36 pm to 5.13 am

Sun rises: 4.44 am Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon rises: 2.39 am Moon sets: 2.44 pm
New moon June 30

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday c. cloud f. (f. = rain, s. = sun)

City	C	F	City	C	F
Belfast	15	59	Guernsey	18	64
Birmingham	16	61	Inverness	16	61
Blackpool	17	63	Jersey	19	66
Bristol	17	63	London	20	68
Cardiff	17	63	Manchester	18	64
Edinburgh	19	66	Newcastle	17	63
Glasgow	16	61	Ridgeway	16	61

Today's pollen count forecast is HIGH SELDANE.

A major advance in hayfever treatment.

WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will have a dry day and although it will be rather cloudy, especially at first, some sunshine is also likely. Northern Ireland and Scotland will be cloudy with patchy rain and drizzle. The far north will be breezy. Outlook: Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain at first but become dry later; England and Wales will be dry with some sunshine.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

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Flotation puts value of £435m on The Telegraph plc

BY NEIL BENNETT



Black: stays chairman

SHARES in The Telegraph plc, Conrad Black's newspaper group, went on sale yesterday at 325p each, valuing the company at £435 million. Analysts said the price was high and forecast few immediate gains for private investors.

Derek Terrington, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "Apart from The Telegraph itself, the company is a curious collection of assets that do not add up to very much." The Telegraph's buying spree might go on. The company plans to buy 20 per cent of The Entertainment Channel, a consortium that intends to bid for the Channel 5 television licence next month. The Telegraph might also go into partnership with Hollinger to buy the New York Daily News, the loss-making American newspaper previously owned by Robert Maxwell.

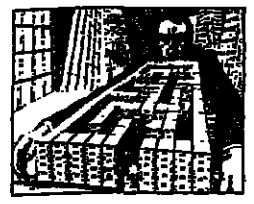
The float is the culmination of three months of deal making by Conrad Black. In April, The Telegraph won effective control of John Fairfax, the Australian newspaper group, by buying a 15 per cent stake. Mr Black has said he is interested in Mirror Group Newspapers, although he would almost certainly be blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The flotation price is a disappointment for The Telegraph, which two weeks ago is believed to have wanted up to 350p a share. NM Rothschild, the company's merchant banking adviser, reduced the price after the fall in the FT-SE 100 index in the past fortnight.

The reduction helped Rothschild to place half of the shares before lunchtime yesterday. Twelve million went to British institutions and another 1 million were sold to Wood Gundy, a Canadian securities house, which will place them with Canadian institutions. The remaining shares are being sold in an offer for sale that closes on July 1. The flotation will still raise £84.5 million before expenses, which Mr Black will use to repay Hollinger's debts. Mr Black has transformed The Telegraph's finances since he won control in 1986. It was then making small losses. Three years later, profits were a record £41.5 million, although they have been lower in the past two years. Circulation of The Daily Telegraph has fallen 4 per cent to 1.07 million in the past two years.

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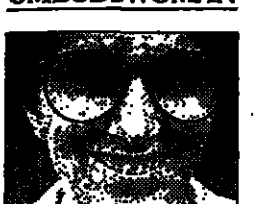


Dryden Gilling-Smith argues that a few more pages of company pension scheme regulation would not be enough to deter another Robert Maxwell

RELUCTANT

Wall Street investors, whose support is essential for this summer's share issue by Wellcome, are expressing worrying reluctance

OMBUDESWOMAN



Complaints about building societies have increased sixfold, leading to the appointment of two more ombudsmen, including Jane Woodhead

RECOVERING

Ferranti is continuing to recover from fraud by reducing its operating losses from £83.7 million to £27 million

TAKING OFF

David Crossland, the chairman of Airtours, is confident that package holiday prices will bounce back in mid-season

Mirror Group writes off £421 million

BY ANGELA MACKAY

MIRROR Group Newspapers has been pushed into losses of £388.2 million in 1991 after writing off £421.5 million to account for misappropriation of assets from the group and its pension schemes masterminded by the late Robert Maxwell.

Despite the underlying trading strength of the newspaper group, Coopers & Lybrand, the company's retiring auditors, has been forced to qualify the accounts because of more than £50 million of contingent liabilities and £193 million of pension deficiencies caused by an alleged wide-ranging fraud.

The board intends to apply to have the shares relisted on the London Stock Exchange immediately after the annual meeting on July 16.

MGN, whose titles include the Daily Mirror, Daily Record, Sunday Mirror, The People, Sunday Mail and The Sporting Life, produced a 13.8 per cent fall in operating profit after exceptional losses of £7 million related to losses on The Racing Times in America but before interest and extraordinary items. Turnover rose 3 per cent to £459.9 million.

In a 22-page statement in the report and accounts, Sir Robert Clark, MGN's new chairman, detailed "unusual transactions and relationships involving Maxwell-controlled companies" and MGN. At least 28 "unusual" payments of more than £1 million were made from the accounts — some of which may have been legitimate.

The total value of the "unusual" payments exceeded £180 million, of which nine were authorised by Robert Maxwell alone. Many of the other payments were authorised by more than one person, including Michael Stoney, a former executive director of MGN and financial adviser to Robert Maxwell. Mr Stoney was unavailable for comment last night.

The Serious Fraud Office is also investigating the missing funds while trade and industry inspectors have recently been appointed to examine the circumstances of MGN's flotation last May.

Sir Robert said: "The improper use of group funds by Robert Maxwell and Maxwell-controlled companies was in flagrant breach of the undertakings given at the time of the flotation of the company that any agreement between a member of the group and a party related to or ultimately controlled by [private Maxwell interests] would be subject to approval by a majority of independent directors."

The report and accounts detail seven types of extraordinary items that comprise the £421.5 million provision.

NatWest hands back assets to liquidator

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Westminster yesterday handed back a £25 million stake in Teva Pharmaceuticals, the Israeli drugs company, to the Maxwell pension funds.

Neil Cooper, the partner from Robson Rhodes, which is handling the liquidation of the funds, said he would use the success to increase pressure on Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers and Banque Nationale de Paris, which are still holding assets.

NatWest took the shares as security on a £27.5 million loan to Robert Maxwell Group. The bank said it was now considering legal action against the directors of RMG who signed written assurances that the Teva shares belonged to the company.

"We were misled," said a NatWest spokesman. MGN has also agreed to pay £100,000 towards legal expenses incurred by Robson Rhodes.

Mr Cooper said: "The other institutions are maintaining the view that they hold these assets validly. They are not British lenders and they may not regard themselves as being susceptible to the same amount of pressure."

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Blooming profits: Nicholas Hood of Wessex Water, whose salary rises to £130,000

Post Office profits surge fivefold to £247m in year

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Post Office is to freeze first and second class letter charges this year after increasing pre-tax profits more than fivefold, to £247 million, in the year to end-March.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, the Post Office chairman, said he would delay any price rise by at least three months after profits at Royal Mail, the letters business, surged £145 million to £266 million.

Tom Corrigan, chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council, said that Royal Mail had exceeded its profit target by £80 million. Last autumn's price increases, when the first class letter rate was increased 2p to 24p, and second class by 1p to 18p, should have been deferred.

Mr Corrigan said Royal Mail users had effectively been obliged to cover "short-comings" in the Parcelforce operation, which lost £23 million. He called for the price freeze to be extended as long as possible into 1993.

The scale of increase in profits at the Post Office during the year is exaggerated by provisions made last year to cover heavy losses at Parcelforce. Those losses have been much reduced and Parcelforce is expected to return to profit this year.

Nonetheless, the strong performance enabled many directors and senior managers, who receive profit-related pay, to enjoy large bonuses. Sir Bryan's salary increased 14.3 per cent to £170,471. The 12 board members received an average increase of 16.8 per cent.

Postal delivery staff received pay rises of about 4 per cent last autumn, and the corporation hopes to peg rises at a similar level this year.

Sir Bryan said the Post Office had achieved substantial improvements in standards of service. Almost nine out of ten first class letters arrive the day after posting, the best record in Europe.

But he gave a warning that the pace of closures of post offices in rural areas and the outer suburbs of towns was likely to increase unless the government relaxed restrictions on the services offered by Post Office Counters.

Sir Bryan said the Post Office was talking to the government about taking a leading role in the sale of tickets for a national lottery.

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Profits and payout rise at Wessex

AS IF to prove that not even the privatised water utilities are fully insulated against the wind of recession, Wessex Water has reported a £3 million hole in pre-tax profits because of lower sales to industrial metered customers (Martin Waller writes).

The actual pre-tax figure was healthy enough — ahead from £66 million to £76.9 million in the year to end-March — and a 12.9p final lift the total to 19.5p (17.7p).

Nicholas Hood, the chairman, saw his salary rise 3.6 per cent to £130,000 and he could get a bonus of a maximum 15 per cent of that figure.

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Lloyd's promises to upstage Wimbledon

Shires rise in wrath against City

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

IT MAY BE EC3 rather than SW19, and strawberries and cream will not be on the menu, but for sheer entertainment value, Lloyd's of London will be serving up the best show in town today when it holds its annual general meeting.

Like that other event taking place down in Wimbledon, long queues for entry to the ground can be expected from early in the morning, as spectators jostle for the best seats on the centre court, also known as the underwriting room.

The event, which sees David Coleridge, the battling chairman of Lloyd's, taking on hundreds of impoverished, and in many cases angry, names, is fast becoming a set piece of the summer season. Last year saw more than 3,000 turn up, compared with just a few dozen in previous years. This time a new attendance record is likely to be set as the Lloyd's version of the shires backwoods-

men turn up en masse to air their grievances.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 10.30 am, and if it follows last year's pattern, will last at least four hours. It comes in the middle of the worst year in Lloyd's history, with losses for the 1989 account totalling £2 billion and litigation threatening to tear apart one of Britain's premier financial institutions.

The gloom deepened even further yesterday with the announcement of long-delayed official 1989 figures for the six excess-of-loss reinsurance syndicates managed by the now defunct Gooda Walker agency. These show combined losses of £489 million, with £206.5 million falling on the 3,103 names who were unlucky enough to be on syndicate 290 in that year.

In total, about 4,000 names were placed on the Gooda Walker syndicates in 1989, and face average losses of £122,000. In many cases the losses will be much higher where names were

members of three or four Gooda Walker syndicates.

Questioning of Mr Coleridge at today's meeting is likely to be overwhelmingly hostile, although a few loyalists may give the chairman a respite with a selection of easy lobs to be smashed away. Mr Coleridge's performance last year was regarded by observers as a tour de force, but he will need to draw on even deeper resources today as he faces up to mounting calls for his resignation.

Capacity is said to be "virtually unlimited" but there is certain to be intense competition for the 200 or so best-in-house seats laid out in front of the chairman's rostrum. In the light of the recent bombing of the nearby Baltic Exchange and the possibility of personal attacks against Mr Coleridge, security will be tight. Lloyd's would give no details but said that "sensible steps" had been taken. Let play commence.

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US dollar

1.8628 (+0.0008)
German mark 2.9181 (-0.0006)
Exchange index 93.0 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 1986.7 (+10.3)
FT-SE 100 2580.6 (+10.3)
New York Dow Jones 8290.17 (+9.37)
Tokyo Nikkei Ave 16106.99 (+185.77)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
2-month interbank 10 1/2-10 3/4
3-month eligible bills 9 1/2-9 3/4
US Prime Rate 6 1/2%
Federal Funds 5 1/4%
2-month Treasury Bills 3.67-3.65%
30-year bonds 10 1/2-10 1/4

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London Fixing:
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RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 139.3 May (1987-100)
* Denotes midday trading price

Ferranti on course for recovery from fraud

By ANGELA MACKAY

FERRANTI International, the defence and electronics company damaged by fraud in the late 1980s, continued its recovery by whittling down operating losses from £83.7 million to £26.9 million in the year to March 31.

Under the stewardship of Eugene Anderson, chairman, Ferranti sold several businesses, generating £73.2 million in cash and cutting contingent liabilities by £144.3 million. The company has also settled some long-standing legal disputes, introduced new man-

agement systems, cut net debt by a third to £66.5 million and won new business worth £249.4 million, taking the order book to £272 million. It must still wait some time, however, before returning to profit. Analysts at County NatWest forecast that the group could show a small profit in 1993-4 and might start paying dividends again subsequently. Its shares were steady yesterday at 9p.

Other analysts suggested that the group might become a takeover target, given that it has at least £200 million of tax losses to use and a pension fund surplus of £129 million.

Most of the necessary asset sales having been completed, Ferranti has won the support of its bankers until the end of September 1993. The company still has assets to sell, however, including about 30 excess sites around Britain.

Turnover for 1991-2 amounted to £362.6 million, compared with £458 million last time. Exceptional charges — related to costs of reorganisation, rationalisation and fixed asset write-offs — were £13.9 million, compared with £65.4 million previously.

Manufacturing by Ferranti has declined sharply. Businesses sold in the past year have included missiles and Ferranti Engineering; the workforce has been cut by about 4,000 to 5,050.

In 1989, Ferranti found a £215 million hole in its assets caused by bogus contracts. James Guerin, formerly deputy chairman, was given a 15-year prison sentence by an American court this month after pleading guilty to fraud, racketeering and arms smuggling. Mr Guerin's business, International Signal & Control, merged with Ferranti in 1987.

Plysu buys firms on continent

By MICHAEL TATE

PLYSU, the plastic containers maker, is paying 44.3 million guilders (£13.5 million) for the SEP Group, which is based at Ghent in Belgium, and Kerkrade in The Netherlands.

The price will be satisfied by the issue of 3.95 million Pysu shares, of which more than 3 million are being placed at 276.5p per share to raise £8.6 million in cash for the vendors, with the balance in cash. Richard Gordon, managing director of Pysu, said the acquisition of SEP, whose activities were similar to those of Pysu, would accelerate the group's development in Europe. Pysu manufactures in Amsterdam, and expects to open a factory in Antwerp next month.

In the year to end-December, SEP made pre-tax profits of £14.4 million. Mr Gordon said prospects for Pysu were good and continued growth is expected this year.



Cloudy skies: Eugene Anderson has pruned hard but profits are still some way off

Whitecroft reduces dividend

By PHILIP PANGALOS

WHITECROFT, the building products, lighting and textiles group that recently issued a profits warning, is recommending a reduced final dividend of 0.7p (5.4p) a share, giving 4p (10p) for the year. The cut was predicted earlier this month, after a warning of an extraordinary property provision and a change in Whitecroft's dividend policy. Lower interest costs and an absence of exceptional charges

allowed the company to report pre-tax profits of £4.49 million in the year to end-March, against a restated £2.81 million last time. However, this time's taxable profits before exceptional items show a 27 per cent fall compared with last year's figures, which were depressed by a £3.3 million exceptional charge. Group turnover declined to £129.2 million (£143.1 million). Operating profits on contin-

uing businesses fell 58 per cent, with all four divisions suffering from lower profitability because of the recessionary squeeze on demand and intense competition.

Earnings climbed to 5.65p a share, against 4.26p previously. However, there is a hefty £6.27 million property-related extraordinary provision. Gearing stood at 78 per cent. The shares were unchanged at the close at 68p.

Airbus goes for Boeing territory

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

AIRBUS Industrie, the European aircraft maker, and Rolls-Royce, the British aero engine manufacturer, are fighting to win \$2.4 billion worth of plane orders away from Boeing.

The struggle centres on replacement planes for UAL's United Airlines, the second-largest American carrier, whose 500-plane fleet has, until now, been exclusively Boeing.

Victory for Airbus would provide its most significant American order. GFA Group of Ireland and Kawasaki Enterprises of Japan, the aircraft leasing groups, are also in the bidding. United would make no official comment about events, though Louis Valerio, the group's finance director in charge of the bidding is reported as saying that competition was "very heated".

It is understood that Mr Valerio and Stephen Wolf, United's chairman, held talks with Jean Pierson, chief executive and managing director of Airbus, and Dean Thornton, Boeing's commercial plane president. A decision is expected within a fortnight.

Pratt & Whitney, the American engine maker that is part of United Technologies, is lining up with Airbus and Rolls-Royce as part of a five-company International Aero Engines consortium. GE of America is part of the Boeing negotiating team.

The fight comes amid cuts in aircraft orders from carriers facing huge losses. Industry sources estimate that 1,000 aircraft, about 10 per cent of the world's commercial fleet, are idle. More than 150 planes are parked in the Californian desert.

Aircraft orders have slumped by two-thirds since 1989 to last year's \$32 billion as losses in the airline industry on international routes alone reached \$4 billion. In 1990, United signed a record \$22 billion aircraft deal with Boeing but cut that by \$6.7 billion four months ago.

BMW confirms \$250m plant in America

BMW, the German luxury carmaker, has confirmed that it will build its first foreign assembly plant at Spartanburg in South Carolina. The initial investment in the 900-acre site will be \$250 million to \$300 million. The plant will produce a new luxury car model that will be offered in America and exported worldwide. It will employ 2,000 workers by the end of the decade, and 300 cars a day. Production will begin in 1995.

Eberhard von Kuenheim, chairman of the management board, said that producing cars in America would reduce the impact of currency fluctuations. Last year, BMW sales in America fell 16 per cent to 53,343 vehicles out of overall American sales of 12.3 million, the lowest level in eight years.

Birkdale back in black

BIRKDALE, a marketing and human resources consultancy group, has returned to profit after two years of losses and resumed paying dividends after a three-year break. It earned a pre-tax profit of £202,000 in the year to March 31, compared with a loss of £1.5 million last time. The gain was made despite a fall in turnover from £25.8 million to £21.3 million. There is a dividend of 0.2p. The company was helped by a fall in interest payable from £401,000 to £166,000 and by gains of £147,000 in interest and other income receivable.

Vaux buys 124 pubs

VAUX Group, a brewer and hotelier in the North East of England, has bought an additional 124 pubs bought from Intreprenur Estates, a joint venture between Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing. The price paid was £15 million. At the end of March, Vaux agreed to buy 85 pubs from the same seller as part of an expansion plan prompted by the so-called beer orders in 1989, the government-inspired shake-up of the brewing industry. The company now has a total of 988 pubs. The new purchase strengthens Vaux's position in the North West and Yorkshire.

Shoprite profits surge

SHOPRITE, a discount food retailer based in the Isle of Man, is paying its first-ever interim dividend of 2p after a surge in first-half profits. The pre-tax figure jumped to £1.04 million (£126,000) in the six months to May 3, on turnover more than doubled at £36 million (£17 million). The group opened seven stores in Scotland, bringing the total to 18. Earnings per share rose to 6.3p, against 1p previously. Gearing stood at 51 per cent, against 45 per cent at the last year-end.

Halma raises payout

HALMA, the Buckinghamshire safety and environmental technology group, lifted pre-tax profits 17 per cent to £15.5 million (£13.25 million) in the year to March 28. Turnover increased by 15 per cent to £94.5 million (£81.9 million). Earnings per share were 7.7p (6.81p). A final dividend of 1.332p (1.065p) a share makes 2.195p (1.755p) for the year. Since March 1991, five companies or businesses have been acquired and a further business was formed, bringing the total number of operating companies to 34.

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American investors uninspired by Wellcome sell-off

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK AND MARTIN WALLER IN LONDON

WELLCOME, the pharmaceutical group heading this summer for a global shares issue worth up to £4 billion, is expected to struggle to convince Americans to invest and prevent a flop similar to that of the CPA Group flotation.

Advisers had hoped America would take up to half the new shares on offer, giving them a 20 per cent stake in the anti-viral drugs specialist that produces Retrovir, used in the treatment of Aids.

But American fund managers and drug specialists have been voicing indifference or rejection of the issue to brokers reporting back to Robert Fleming & Co, the global co-ordinator to the issue.

Samuel Isaly, formerly with SG Warburg and now partner in Mehta & Isaly, the pharmaceutical researcher, said: "I was involved in the original share sale in 1986. We are friends of Wellcome but at the moment they are

proposing to do something which cannot be done. Ten days ago, I said I thought it was the worst deal in a decade and I still do. If they are trying to sell 50 per cent of the company at today's market, I think it's impossible. They either have to scale back the issue or the price has to fall. I think the price will have to fall 15 to 20 per cent before people might think it attractive."

Wellcome's price has fallen almost 20 per cent since the issue was announced in March. Wellcome Trust, the controlling charity that wants to reduce its stake from 73.5 per cent to below 50 per cent, has been involved in last-minute talks about how many shares to issue. Fleming will give a preliminary indication of that figure tomorrow.

James S Byrd, fund manager of Fortis Financial Group, said: "This issue is far too big for the market to absorb. These markets are so thin, and

healthcare stocks are totally out of favour."

Analysts say that healthcare issues were the best performing group last year and drug companies have been able to raise prices for most of the past decade. But in American election year, with the soaring cost of healthcare among the topics of most heated political debate, they do not expect the companies to repeat that kind of performance. Indeed, the American authorities have attempted to force companies to cut prices.

Mr Byrd added: "There are a lot of negatives out there and the sector is totally out of favour. Everyone who owns healthcare owns too much of it because it has been a lousy performer this year."

Advisers in London are refusing to say what findings have been reported back from Wall Street, although the mood in private is positive, with no thoughts of having to abandon the sale. American financial institutions have a vested interest in talking down the Wellcome price before the issue to buy the shares as cheaply as possible.

Against this, the trust as a charitable body is legally required to raise the highest price possible for the shares and would be under pressure to reduce the size of the offering or abandon it entirely if trustees felt the Wellcome share price had fallen so low as to undervalue the company.

This week sees the start of a series of global roadshows to drum up interest in the shares. The book-building process, which sets the actual price, starts on July 6 with the international tender period, and the price and basis of allocations is announced two to three weeks later.

Last week, Morgan Stanley, heading seven of America's largest investment banks, hired a studio at New York's Radio City Hall to present its view on anti-viral drugs to analysts and fund managers.



Arbitrators: ombudsmen, from left, Stephen Edell, Jane Woodhead and Brian Murphy, with Lord Barnett

Building society complaints double

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE number of complaints about building societies more than doubled in the year to March 31. The building societies ombudsman scheme heard from 9,525 unhappy customers, compared with 4,451 the previous year.

The largest category related to savers who were receiving a lower rate of interest than new investors in similar accounts. There were 1,289 such complaints, compared with 191 the previous year. Of these, 304 developed into cases handled by the ombudsman against 26 the previous year. The total number of cases handled was 1,070.

Many of these complaints resulted from the launch by Nationwide Building Society

of its Bright Horizons investment range in late 1990. The ombudsman's office published the findings in two of these cases earlier this year. It awarded interest to an investor with an instant-access account and found for the society on a case involving its former 90-day account. Stephen Edell, the ombudsman, said: "Investors must be vigilant about their investments; but that in order to enable them to make an informed choice, societies should ensure that relevant information about all accounts — and in particular about interest rates on obsolete accounts — is reasonably accessible."

To do this, societies should display prominently in

branches leaflets that include details of open and closed accounts. Advertisements in newspapers should include closed accounts. Mr Edell said it was not necessary to write to all account holders when a new product was launched.

The number of complaints about societies is six times that of 1987, the first year the office operated. Since then, the original ombudsman has been joined by two others, Jane Woodhead and Brian Murphy. Lord Barnett is chairman of the scheme. Mr Edell said he did not believe the increase reflected a deterioration in the standards of societies' service.

Of the cases dealt with, the office found for the complainant in 45 per cent of cases,

compared with 37 per cent the year before. A large proportion are settled after a provisional assessment is reached.

The scheme is dealing with a number of cases involving elderly homeowners who borrowed money from societies to buy investment bonds. Technically, most of the cases fall outside the powers of the ombudsman but three societies have agreed to any cases involving their borrowers to be dealt with by the office. These are Cheltenham & Gloucester, Bradford & Bingley and Britannia. The Bristol & West and National Counties have refused and another society is considering whether it will consent. Repossession cases have more than doubled.

Hundreds of thousands of home owners cannot move because their mortgage is larger than the value of the property. Many more are held back by the knowledge that the price would be lower than they paid. Net receipts from savings totalled £179 million. This was a fall from April's £212 million and less than a quarter of last May's inflow of £774 million.

Mr Bolcar said: "The net inflow of savings during May was relatively subdued following the turnaround experienced in April. It is apparent that there has been no let-up in the impact of strong competition from other savings products on inflows into building society investment accounts."

Scottish Power chief's pay soars to £203,000

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE pay of Sir Donald Miller, chairman of Scottish Power, doubled to £203,000 from £104,000 during his last full financial year with the company. He accounted for almost half the money paid in bonuses to the board. Sir Donald is a non-executive director.

The company, the larger of the two electricity generators privatised last year, was created out of the old South of Scotland Electricity Board, of which he was also chairman.

The details of his salary and bonuses in the 1991-2 accounts will add to arguments over the pay of privatised industries' chiefs. Scottish Power pushed pre-tax profits ahead 60 per cent in 1991-2.

Total bonuses paid to directors were £197,000, up from £102,000.

A company spokesman said that when the industry was privatised, Sir Donald was expected to serve for perhaps three days a week. In the event, he had worked full-time; pay and bonuses had reflected that.

Sir Donald retires after the annual meeting on July 29, and the job then reverts to three days a week.

Peter Davis, chairman of Reed International, has received a 25 per cent pay increase, taking his overall income for 1992 to £389,573. Group pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 rose by 4 per cent to £232 million.

Bupa to purchase hospital

The British United Provident Association (Bupa) has made an agreed bid for Edinburgh's Murrayfield Hospital, in which it already has a 28.6 per cent stake, on terms that value the hospital at about £13.8 million.

Bupa said yesterday that it had already received irrevocable undertakings to accept its 394p a share offer from holders of 56.2 per cent of the equity, other than its own shareholding.

Sue Ellen, managing director of Bupa Health Services, said the decision to acquire the 79-bed hospital "reinforces our commitment to the provision of quality independent healthcare in Scotland".

Sterling down

A poor performance from the hydraulics division held pre-tax profits at Sterling Industries, the light engineering company, to £3.50 million in the year to end-March, down from a record £4.07 million last time. The total dividend is maintained at 5.6p, with a final payment of 4.1p.

Amber ahead

Amber Industrial Holdings, the speciality chemicals to refractory installation services group, is raising its dividend to 17p (16.5p) for the year, with a final 12.5p (12p). Pre-tax profits climbed to £2.55 million in the year to end-March (£1.61 million).

Second failure

Knobs & Knockers, the brassware retailer and property company, has gone into receivership for the second time. Patrick Wadstead and Alan Thomas, of Kidsons Impey, have been appointed administrative receivers.

Airtours reports take off in bookings and reduced loss

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

AIRTOURS, Britain's third-largest tour operator, has said its summer bookings are 31 per cent higher than they were a year ago, contradicting reports of difficulties in the package holiday industry.

David Crossland, chairman of Airtours, acknowledged some price cutting in the "shoulder" season — the six weeks of summer before the mid-July start of the peak season — but said the market was "no weaker than usual at this time".

He predicted that prices would "bounce up again" in July. "I've been in the business for 27 years, and they've never yet not done," Mr Crossland added. He was speaking after unveiling a £5.59 million loss for the half year to March 31, an improvement on the £6.21 million loss of a year ago. Tour operators traditionally report losses for the winter months, and the market was impressed with the result, struck after a £1.1 million provision relating to the introduction of three new aircraft. The improve-



Crossland: bounce back

Cupid makes £2.6m cash call

BY JON ASHWORTH

CUPID, the bridalwear group, is raising £2.68 million through a one-for-two rights issue and has appointed two new non-executive directors to the board.

The proceeds of the issue will be used to pay back a loan of £1.7 million taken out in December to fund the purchase of Youngs, the menswear chain.

The balance will be used to develop the nursery care, bridalwear and retail divisions.

Cupid's shares hit a high of 132p after the company re-

ported record pre-tax profits of £982,000 for the year to end-March.

However, rumours that a rights issue was imminent depressed the shares. They eased 5p to close at 90p yesterday.

Mike Murray, founder and chief executive, said sales at Pronuptia, the bridalwear chain, were up 60 to 70 per cent so far this year. Sales at Youngs were up 15 per cent. Mr Murray is keen to continue to expand in Europe. Sales in France have doubled and the company is making in-

roads in The Netherlands and Germany.

Richard Shaw, group development director of Hartstone, the leather goods and hosiery distributor, and Robert Shepherd, deputy chairman of Pentland, the sporting goods group, join as non-executive directors. Mr Shaw previously ran the American west coast and Canadian operations of Albert Fisher, the fresh food distributor.

Mr Murray's wife, Susan, is resigning as a director to devote more time to the day-to-day running of the group.

Burton to raise £60m

BURTON Group is raising £60 million through the issue, by its Redcastle subsidiary, of five-year asset-backed zero coupon bonds. The fashion retailer's deal effectively swaps bank debt for paper debt on more attractive terms and gives it cash flow benefits. Redcastle has issued a £100 million zero coupon issue due 1997, with the bonds subscribed for by SG Warburg

Securities, NatWest Capital Markets and Cidcorp Investment Bank.

The issue is backed by an agreement with Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society and CIN Properties under which Burton has the right to sell them six properties in five years time for £100 million. Burton shares were unchanged at 48½p.

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Demand for home loans falls in May

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

BUILDING societies lent £200 million less in May than the previous month. It was the second month running that gross advances fell, at a time of year they would normally be expected to rise.

Gross lending at £2.78 billion was £900 million lower than May last year. Net new commitments were 16 per cent higher than April at £3.2 billion but were £850 million lower than last May's figure.

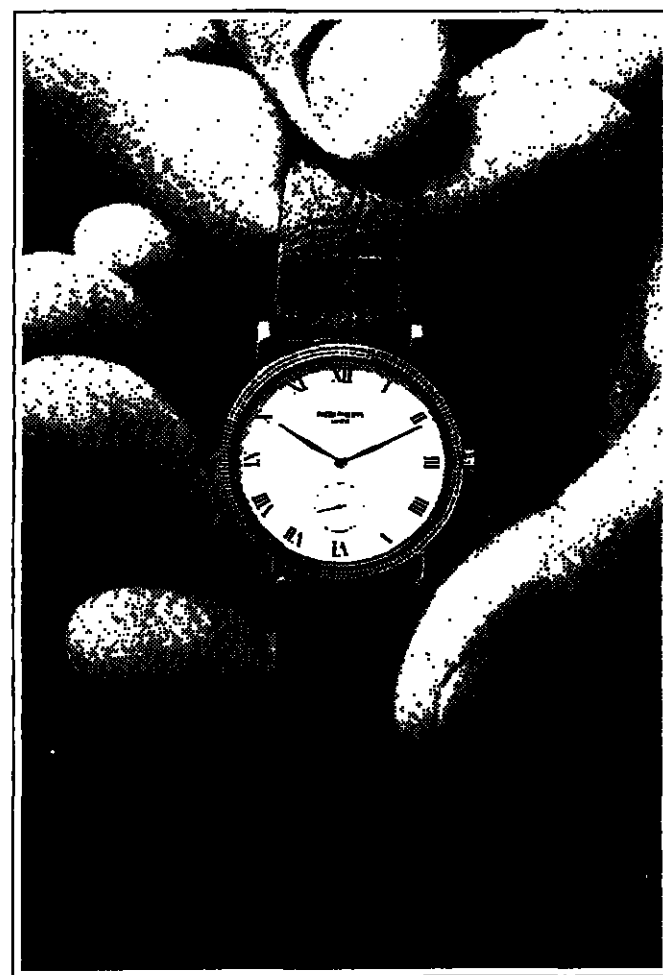
Mark Bolcar, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: "The fall in gross advances in May reflects the uncertainties evident earlier this year. The rise in net new commitments is encouraging. However, it is a small rise and the figures do not yet suggest a significant upturn in activity."

The building societies and banks have been competing strongly by offering fixed-rate and capped mortgages at rates as low as 8.99 per cent. These have still not attracted buyers into the market held back by fears of unemployment and falling prices. First time buyers know they do not have to rush to get on the housing ladder. House prices are not about to take off and interest rates being offered are falling. Some fear that any deposit they put down will be lost if prices fall further.

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Sir Bryan posts a state success

Sir Bryan Nicholson is forever fretting about the status of the Post Office. Privatisation by bacon slicer, which makes it virtually impossible to plan an integrated business, started with Girobank and could still move on to the retail counters and parcels. The only point seemed one of ideological principle, once the government decided that the Royal Mail should retain a statutory monopoly in basic universal letter post. The underlying urge to tinker remains, though the structure of the Post Office does not look broken and attempts to mend it are on hold.

Financial performance was outstanding in the recessionary year to end March. Control of staff costs, which benefited from the £100 million allowed for redundancy payments in the previous year, brought record pre-tax profits and a return of more than 10 per cent on official net capital employed. That allowed Sir Bryan to use the group muscle to bring the parcels business through tough times to a second-half profit. Competitors, some of whom were forced to rein back, would call this cross-subsidy, though customers are unlikely to complain. These potential conflicts with private sector competitors will grow if Sir Bryan has his way and is allowed to expand the retailing side to spread overheads in rural areas and replace its declining role as agent for paying state pensions and benefits. They may, for instance, complain if the vast network of post offices is quite sensibly, free to sell tickets for a national lottery.

Sir Bryan still sees the Post Office remaining in the public sector but on a continental arms-length basis. One can see his point. The lack of dividends to private shareholders makes it unlikely that he will suffer the humbug over boardroom salaries now standard for privatised utilities, though Sir Bryan's pay is comparable to the chairman of a water or electricity group earning similar profits. Likewise, there has yet to be a political campaign to slash the cost of posting a letter. In Britain, however, there is a long and dismal record of failed attempts to let state industries operate freely without Whitehall interference in one direction or another. There is no reason why a statutory monopoly should not be in the private sector provided it is regulated on performance, price or even dividends. Privatisation in one piece, with the Royal Mail as a regulated or statutory company subsidiary, offers the most logical long-term future.

Tailor made

Fancy forms of financing have tumbled from favour to disgrace since they nearly destroyed Saatchi and other high-flyers of yesteryear. They have relatively few tax advantages and the Accounting Standards Board has stopped their use in dressing up short-term profits. Burton has had its alarms on that front in the past, but its complex zero coupon bond issue looks sensible as well as innovative. Apart from much-needed cash flow and interest benefits of the refinancing, Burton is able to bridge the hiatus in the property market. Sober new management wanted to quit its property developments but could not find buyers. Instead, it has persuaded Scottish Amicable, together with the coal pension funds, to agree to buy the properties at their latest £100 million balance sheet value in five years time, at Burton's option. This gives solid security to benefit £60 million now while allowing Burton to renege if the property market eventually recovers. The deal is no doubt at arms length but it is surely no coincidence that Scottish Amicable is one of Burton's biggest shareholders. Other institutional shareholders might care to follow this supportive line.

What is needed is not more regulation, but a body of experts with wide powers to investigate, argues Dryden Gilling-Smith

When a burglar wreaks havoc in a hitherto burglar-free zone, neighbouring occupiers may agitate for tougher laws on burglary when what they really want is a good policeman. Much of the outcry in the wake of the Maxwell raids on the Daily Mirror pension schemes is of similar ilk. There are now more than 2,500 pages of small-print regulation governing UK pension schemes, a lot of it incomprehensible to the professional, let alone to the layman who may at any time be co-opted as a trustee. A few pages more or less would in practice do little to deter a determined rogue or desperate man with his back to the wall.

Pension schemes have been largely burglar free in Britain because they have in the main been set up by conscientious employers and run by pensions managers with a sense of missionary zeal. If they have persuaded their chairmen and finance directors to sit as members of their trustee boards, this has been a way of ensuring top-level commitment to the financial imperatives of the scheme and a forum for dialogue between employee representative and employer on a matter of common concern.

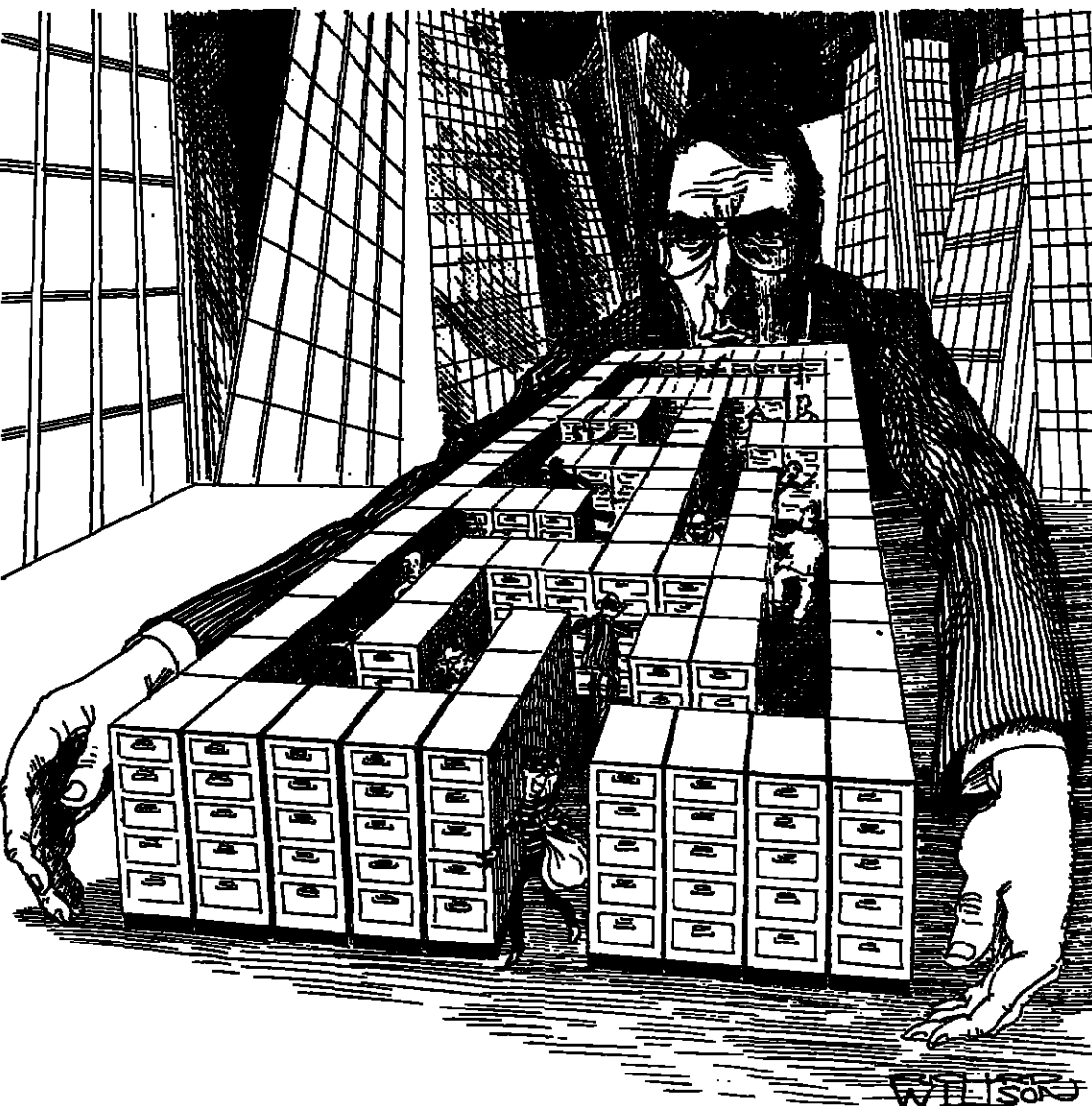
To suggest that chairmen, chief executives and other corporate officers should not be trustees, just because one man in one scheme abused this position, would be counter-productive. Their participation can be valuable in avoiding "us and them" attitudes and in understanding the community of interest among trustees.

The House of Commons social security committee, in its report earlier this year, drew attention to the absence of a tough-minded pensions policeman whom a suspicious trustee, fund member or other interested party could notify. Pensions bodies, such as the ombudsman and the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), are concerned in their various ways with legal entitlements of members as opposed to catching crooks, or better still stopping them before they can run away with the money. The report indicates that most of those involved knew what Maxwell was up to, but their chances of finding anyone to act were as remote as the chances of the inhabitants of Croatia or Sarajevo getting the UN or EC to take effective action against the Serbs.

Finding a good policeman with the ability to sniff out potential wrongdoers without irritating the mass of law-abiding citizens is hard enough, but virtually impossible unless he is given a clear and simple brief. Sir Robert Peel, founder of the prototype modern police force, recognised this in the 1820s when, as home secretary, he set about cutting a path through the 500-year jungle of unenforceable statutes that his senior judicial colleagues accepted as the natural order of the English legal system.

There was no point, he said, in having a law unless it was clearly understood, respected and enforceable. Complex regulatory systems are designed to protect the backside of junior toilers in the regulatory system, not to minimise the risk of wrongdoing in the first place.

Unfortunately, much of the rest of the social security committee's report leaps from this valid basic observation to a series of non-sequiturs. It is as if the committee had allowed itself to be hijacked by lobby groups more interested in undermining the fund-led final-salary occupational pension scheme model than in protecting it from crooks. It would be unfortunate if the enquiry, to be held under the chairmanship of Professor Roy Goode QC, were to pay too much attention to those with "hobby-horsical" aims that have little relevance to the practical problems of safeguarding pensioners' rights. The trust law under which schemes operate has, for instance, repeatedly



been decried as medieval and needing replacement by a new statute that is tailor-made for pension funds. But so are parliament, our older universities and much of our legal system medieval in origin. In countries where there is no trust-law machinery, such as those following Roman law, pension administrators and investment-fund managers have had to try hard for many years to invent substitutes that are not nearly as good. Codifying company law has not stopped rogues and defaulters. The unnecessary change from trust law to a pensions statute could have serious disadvantages and in practice offer increased scope for rogues to profit from the confusion of such a radical change.

Much more important is the need to simplify the supervisory apparatus. At present, pension managers and trustees have too many masters shouting conflicting instructions. Over many decades the pension schemes office (previously the superannuation funds office) of the Inland Revenue has been the most effective regulator because it was run by a small number of intelligent people with wide discretionary powers and succinct primary legislation. Although the rationale for Revenue involvement was tax, it also attached a lot of importance to bona fides (another useful medieval concept) and worked largely on the management-by-exception principle ensuring a high level of co-operation and goodwill from the law-abiding mass of citizenry, thus making it easier to move quickly at the first sign of suspect behaviour.

Where legislation has failed is in the attempt to provide consumer protection. A systematic attempt by government to privatise the burden of providing for old age, for instance by contracting out of state schemes, implies that government assumes responsibility for ensuring that private-sector agencies will deliver. Government, therefore, has a backup responsibility as bailer-out of last resort and it would have done the cause of pension privatisation a lot more good if it had taken a firm initiative at the outset in providing a lifeboat guarantee for Maxwell pensions and then recovering what it could from banks and others involved by appropriate Star Chamber tactics.

For the future, what is wanted is a single supervisory body to protect pensioner rights with enough clout to

take rapid pre-emptive action when it gets a tip-off. It needs simple primary legislation, extensive discretionary powers and the right people.

The Occupational Pensions Board (OPB) is not the right body to supervise private pensions. At the top it is a think-tank, but below decks it is merely a sub-function of the Department of Social Security (which used to be known in the trade as the department of stealth and total obscurity). The OPB doesn't even allocate supervision duties on the "account executive" basis of one person supervising all aspects of a single scheme. Instead it has one person dealing with benefits, another with contributions and another with solvency. It is staffed by people whose organisational sub-culture is geared to watching the way small sums are paid out of thousands of local social security offices, and is as unsuited to the job of private pension supervision as the United States Department of Labour, which has been given the equivalent job in that country.

The company pension manager and the trustees, who have traditionally been the best watchdogs of employee rights, have in recent years had to contend not only with the mass of small print in fiddly DSS/OPB regulations, but also the nonsense of the Financial Services Act, the Data Protection Act, the European Court, the EC Commission and the Equal Opportunities Commission, which regards pension schemes as a soft touch.

The Financial Services Act offers nothing worthwhile in the way of protection to pensioners. It does not pretend to interfere in the relationship between employer and employee on pension rights, but its woolly catch-all provisions have made pension professionals waste years trying to interpret the niggling practical consequences.

There is a legal jungle to clear. We need a few simple rules and a single supervisory body with simple primary legislation and a lot of discretionary power. We need clear legislation to exempt pension schemes from the mischief of the Financial Services Act and to spell out the fact that neither the European Court nor the European Commission has any jurisdiction in UK pension matters.

Apart from pension managers and trustees themselves, the best people to keep a watchful eye on the behaviour of a pension fund are people who have learnt their trade running good occupational schemes. Some of the top pension managers about to retire, or recently retired, could set up such a body and recruit the right sort of people, possibly on secondment.

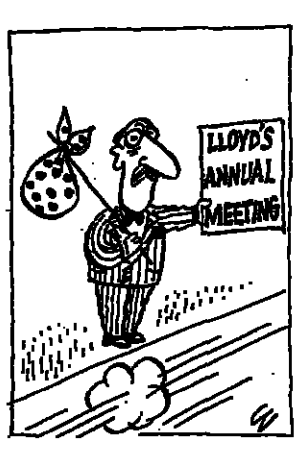
For every other body, pensions are an occasional nuisance. For the people who have devoted most of their working lives to the cause of good occupational pensions, giving Britain the best record of any country in occupational pensions, the role of guardian and policeman would come naturally. They would do a better job than any other set of individuals.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

McCrystal starts fourth career

AMANDA McCrystal, former *Evening Standard* City journalist, wife of *Damian* McCrystal, *Telegraph* City diarist, and daughter of Mark Evans, head of corporate finance at CIL, is about to start her fourth career. At the age of 26, she has already served time as a sterling gift saleswoman at SG Warburg and a fund manager at Mercury Asset Management, before dabbling in the fourth estate. Now, she is to join George Pitcher, former *Observer* industrial editor, at Luther Pendragon, his "media consultancy". She will be the first recruit to the firm since its formation in January, but Pitcher and his partner, Charles Stewart-Smith, hitherto editor of ITN's *News at Ten*, show that negotiations are well advanced for another journalist to follow suit. The consultancy, described by Pitcher as representing the second generation of corporate communication firms — as opposed to "out-dated" PR firms — and part owned by Roddy Dewe, of Dewe Rogerson, offers, he says, a service from "production of quality footage for television use to crisis and issue management". To date, Pitcher has found himself in the role of "spin doctor", persuading the press to be more sympathetic to the case of David Reed, when he was awaiting sentencing in the Blue Arrow trial, while Stewart-Smith has out-manoeuvred ITN to become the main adviser on news coverage for Channel 4's new early morning programme, *The Big Breakfast*, due to start in September with



Paula Yates and Bob Geldof as the presenters.

WITH Norweb, Manchester's regional electricity company, announcing a profit rise of about 90 per cent, ministers might have expected the company to be the first to plough some of its money back into the new energy saving trusts set up by the government a week ago. But guess which of the 12 regional electricity companies was the only one not to support the bodies, designed to help reduce customers' bills? Norweb.

Spens celebrates

LORD Patrick Spens, still in a state of legal limbo after the cessation of his prosecution in the Guinness trial, was celebrating with several large gin and tonics yesterday after hearing that his daughter, Sarah, 21, had been granted a first in history from Bristol University. "I'm getting mildly plastered," quipped Spens happily from his Frittenden, Kent, home. Another reason for Spens' good humour is a recent letter advising him that his judicial review, which he

hopes will return a not guilty verdict, could be heard as early as July 6. "I've been duly warned, but experienced lawyers advise me that it is more likely to be heard in September or October." In the meantime, he is putting the finishing touches to a book about his experiences of the past five years. "Pending the outcome of the judicial review, it is all but done," he says. He does not have a title for the tome yet. As he speaks, his wife, Barbara, from another room, suggests: "I think it should be called *British Justice*."

Liffe-long

THREE months after the merger of the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) and the London Traded Options Market (LTOM), the newly created exchange appears to have quietly dropped its initial pretence that the union was anything other than a takeover by Liffe of the far smaller LTOM. In March, City watchers may recall, there was much talk of creating a new name and an acronym that would reflect the equal nature of the merger. Names such as LIFT and LDEX (London Derivatives Exchange), were bandied about. Yet when Nick Duracher, of BZW, was elected as the exchange's new chairman two weeks ago, there was no suggestion that he was becoming anything other than chairman of Liffe, and that is how the exchange is still known. Liffe's official title is now the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, or Liffe. A spokesman says Liffe has proved "too good a name to let go".

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's levy is an act of arrogance

From Mr Keith Whitten
Sir, The 5 per cent levy imposed by Lloyd's on its underwriting membership is an act of arrogance by the Council of Lloyd's that demonstrates once again the division of interests between those who operate the market and those who provide its capital. By raising a "slush fund" of £500 million in a form that cannot be returned to names from whom it has been taken, the market professionals hope to paper over the cracks in the system that provides their employment. The additional strength of the central guarantee fund is presumably intended to put Lloyd's in a position from which it can disregard the protests of its worst-affected members and pay disputed calls on their behalf by using the funds of the membership as a whole.

As a name who is reconciled to paying substantial, though not catastrophic, losses in respect of the 1989 to 1991 years, I find it quite unacceptable that these losses are increased by some £40,000 on such an ill-defined and dubious basis.

If Lloyd's faces a problem (the full size of which is still unclear) and requires a substantial standby cash sum to reassure policyholders, that sum should be raised by a special issue of securities to its members. These securities could be redeemed or made negotiable at some point when and if the underlying problems have been resolved. What most members will find totally unacceptable is the idea that they should contribute to a non-refundable pot of money that simply buys time for the market professionals to wreak further financial destruction on the external membership.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH WHITTEN,
82 Gloucester Terrace, W2.

Naming names in the good old days

From Mr F. S. Worms
Sir, The following reference to Lloyd's appeared in the *Evening Standard* on December 5, 1963:

"The names of 145 new members of that most exclusive moneyed elite, the underwriting members of Lloyd's, are announced today. They are men who have more than £75,000 capital ... and the impeccable character necessary to pass the vetting of Lloyd's committee."

"Some, of course, are profes-

sional insurance men. But most are just 'names'. They never go near the place. They simply invest their money in a syndicate and collect the profits three years later ...

"Their money is certainly safe. The last total of profits published — for the year 1960 — was well over £29 million. And the social cachet is stamped in pure gold."

Yours faithfully,
FRED S. WORMS,
Escher House,
The Bishops Avenue, N2.

Rapid debiting reduces consumer liquidity

From Mr W. D. Ogilvie
Sir, The electricity company grip tightens! Their letter to me encourages direct debiting — laudably reducing cheque usage — but with debiting in 14 days. I wonder if the electricity companies pay their suppliers in 14 days. Rapid

debiting also lessens consumer liquidity while improving a monopoly's profits. British Gas and my water company have made similar direct debit "offers" to me.

Yours faithfully,
W. DUNCAN OGILVIE,
19 Canynge Road, Bristol.

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	Bid	Offer	%d	
SQUITY & LAW				
St George's Univ. Corporation St. George's				
2701 Ave. 20th St. #332321				
2000	267.50	1.40	3.72	
400-1nc	269.00	1.30	3.72	
Higher inc AC	400.30	499.70	2.80	5.28
2000	267.50	1.40	3.72	
GM/PL Inc AC	151.20	199.70	6.20	
400-1nc	84.80	89.00	6.20	
2000	185.70	179.50	2.60	
Par East	90.80	303.00	0.65	
Consolid	374.40	495.00	1.20	
Income Trst	475.00	575.00	2.50	6.70
International	114.00	123.00	0.70	
2000	267.50	1.40	3.72	
2000	191.00	128.00	2.50	6.70
Non American	172.00	194.00	2.10	3.30
Pacific	46.00	24.70	7.20	
Prep Shares	152.00	147.80	2.10	3.30
Small Cos	228.00	222.00	1.50	2.80
2000	119.00	119.00	0.00	
Small Cos				

	Bus	Office		Bus	Office
PROLIFERATION UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
Wallbrook Reg. 21 Wallbrook, London					
CGD	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
International	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Income	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Cash	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Loss	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST					
MANAGEMENT					
1 Seamen The Sq, Malabar, Kent					
CGD	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
International	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Income	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Cash	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Loss	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
STANDARD LIFE TRUST					
MANAGEMENT					
1 George St, Edinburgh 1 H2 2NF					
CGD	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
International	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Income	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Cash	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80
Net Loss	199.80	148.80	199.80	148.80	199.80

Campania	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Canada	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Chad	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
China	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Colombia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Costa Rica	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Cuba	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Czech Republic	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dominican Republic	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Ecuador	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
El Salvador	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Guatemala	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Honduras	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
India	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Indonesia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Israel	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Italy	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Jamaica	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Japan	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Korea	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Malaysia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Mexico	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Nicaragua	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Pakistan	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Panama	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Paraguay	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Peru	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Philippines	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Poland	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Portugal	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Romania	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Russia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Saudi Arabia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
South Africa	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Spain	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Sri Lanka	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Singapore	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Slovakia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Slovenia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
South Korea	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Sweden	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Switzerland	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Taiwan	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Tanzania	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Thailand	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Turkey	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Uganda	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Ukraine	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
United Kingdom	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
United States	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Venezuela	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Zambia	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Zimbabwe	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

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RAF East Germany	65.30	10.00	0.70	14.33	DEUSAF	20.70	16.00	-1.00	41.43
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Germany	95.35	92.05	0.01	0.43	U.K Income	20.40	29.10	-1.80	43.43
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W wide Spc Site	92.99	94.45	-1.15	0.12	Communist	43.17	35.20	-0.26	36.43
Global Assets	31.99	34.65	-0.26	0.25	Fitted Sci	41.11	43.54	-0.26	36.43
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Smilr Cos Div	43.14	46.28	-0.33	0.71	-Go-ACC	34.96	37.01	-1.17	41.43
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GARTKORME DOW MANAGERS									
Gartworm Home, 16/18	Managers								
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7271 244151	Series	0000	287	336					
U.K Growth Funds									
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Cash Trust	122.49	124.67	-0.07	0.24					
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14. European cups	161.22	60.40	0.82
15. European cups	161.22	60.40	0.82
16. Smaller Lys	43.67	60.40	-0.20 3.34

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS			
101 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh			
BIL 222 222			
1. Equity	296.10	118.36	-1.56 1.30
American	266.60	179.00	-0.20 1.16
European	29.50	1.36	0.00 0.00
Worldwide	100.00	91.23	-0.00 2.18
Worldwide	66.92	14.91	-0.00 2.18

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT			
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5JH			
BIL 222 222			
1. Equity	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
American	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
European	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
Worldwide	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST			
150 Victoria St, 222 Roushall St, Glasgow			
BIL 534 534			
1. Equity	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
American	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
European	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
Worldwide	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00

WATERLYN UNIT TRUST			
MANAGERS: 100 St Vincent St, Glasgow			
BIL 222 222			
1. Equity	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
American	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
European	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
Worldwide	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00

WATERLYN UNIT TRUST			
MANAGERS: 100 St Vincent St, Glasgow			
BIL 222 222			
1. Equity	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
American	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
European	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00
Worldwide	100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00

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UK Property	71.1	78.10	+ 0.6	0.6
UK Financial	42.6	46.3	+ 0.3	0.7
UK British Cos	42.6	46.7	+ 0.3	2.43
UK Small Cos	38.37	41.23	+ 0.17	2.29
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
25 Hatcher Exchange St, London E14 9GE.				
017 538 6666	125.30	125.30	—	9.11
UK Equity	112.60	119.40	—	7.23
Gilt Fund	257.30	274.80	+ 2.40	7.78
Growth Equity				
UK American	24.30	26.10	+ 1.80	1.50
UK Japan	25.10	26.70	+ 1.60	1.50
UK European Special	19.30	21.13	+ 0.80	2.26
Master Act	18.10	19.130	+ 2.06	2.25
Pacific	18.650	19.650	+ 1.00	2.25
Smaller Cos	8.72	9.119	+ 0.39	2.27
UK Equity Gb	29.90	29.90	+ 0.47	2.27

SG TOLUE REYNANT		W/L	
Mermaid Hse	2 Paddle Dock, London	White Oak Square, Swansay BR3 7AG	
EC4V 1AT BT1 2AA		0795 358044	
American GUP	51.20	64.82	- 0.57
Euro Spec Dist	30.84	30.05	- 0.12
-40 Acc	18.25	18.25	- 0.12
Fast East Crupp	21.20	20.80	- 0.11
-40 Acc	17.77	17.80	- 0.11
General Growth	82.00	95.00	- 1.50
Global Tech	70.00	62.00	- 1.00

Source Return	
As registered as Chd. Comput	
Annual Return	% Ex dividend 10% price.
	No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

New York (midday):		FIVE YEAR 10Y:	-1148.99 (-1.28)
Dow Jones	3290.17 (+9.37)	Brussels:	
S&P Composite	404.53 (+1.13)	General	5775.52 (-13.50)
Tokyo:		Paris: CAC	517.25 (+0.51)
Nikkei Avge	16106.99 (+185.77)	Zurich: SKA Gen	471.7 (+0.91)
Hong Kong:		London:	
Hang Seng	5897.86 (+77.92)	FT A All-Share	1236.62 (+3.75)
Amsterdam:		FT 500	1394.39 (+4.23)
CBS Tenancy	125.7 (+0.5)	FT Gold Mines	104.76 (+1.66)
		FT Euro Intest	104.76 (+1.66)

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 93.0 (day's range 93.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES					
Mkt Rates for June 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 months	
Amsterdam	3.2820-3.2877	3.2846-3.2877	1 1/2 apr	1 1/2 apr	
Brussels	299.93-300.00	299.93-300.00	1 1/2 apr	1 1/2 apr	
Copenhagen	11.2047-11.2102	11.2167-11.2302	1 1/2 mds	1 1/2 apr	
Dublin	1.0900-1.0930	1.0920-1.0930	1 apr-3ds	1 apr-3ds	
Frankfurt	2.9128-2.9184	2.9150-2.9170	1 1/2 mds	1 1/2 apr	
Lisbon	241.43-242.52	241.50-242.52	1 1/2 mds	2 1/2 apr	

Sydney: AO	1643.9 (-7.7)	FT Gov Secs	88.55 (-0.52)
Frankfurt:		Bargains	2107.9
DAX	1771.14 (+0.50)	SEAQ Volume	368.7m
		USM (Daxsm)	134.09 (-1.26)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS			
First Dealings June 22	Last Dealings July 3	Last Declaration September 17	For Settlement September 28

Call options were taken out on 23/6/92: Amstrad, BM Group, British Steel, Microfilm

Madrid	183.11-183.74	2.75-2.78	183.75	36-44s	112.3-120
Mexico	220.21-220.41	2.28-2.32	220.42	8-10s	205
Monterrey	2.75-2.78	2.75-2.78	2.78	10-11s	101.5-102
New York	1.920-1.960	1.920-1.925	1.925	1.01-1.00p	2.30-2.75
Oslo	11.50-11.41	11.41-11.22	11.22	1.1s	71
Paris	9.80-9.81	9.80-9.81	9.81	1.1s	71
Stockholm	10.51-10.52	10.53-10.52	10.52	1.1s	71
Tokyo	236.66-237.45	236.66-236.81	236.81	1.1s	31.41
Vancouver	2.62-2.63	2.62-2.63	2.63	1.1s	31.41
Zurich	2.62-2.63	2.62-2.63	2.63	1.1s	31.41

Source: Exel

Premium + pr Discount

OTHER STERLING

DOLAR SPOT RATES

	Series	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
AGB Nat.	260	14	22	31	1	1	74	11					
2273 Nat.	124	18	22	11	20	11	18	21					
Amstar	35	4	8	10	1	1	35	4					
PMBA	40	1	5	7	24	24	54						
Barleys	330	13	23	31	13	13	15	17					

Argentina peso*	1.8492-1.8522	Australia	1.3281-1.32
Australia dollar	2.4774-2.4804	Austria	10.98
Baharin dinar	0.0995-0.7058	Belgium (Cm)	32.15-32
Brazil cruzeiro	1.0000-1.0000	Canada	1.0000-1.00
Cyprus pound	0.8265-0.8365	Denmark (DKr)	6.0030-6.00
Finland mark	7.9075-7.9075	France	5.2015-5.20
Greece drachma	1.0000-1.0000	Germany	1.8612-1.86
Hong kong dollar	1.4410-1.4427	Italy	1.9360-1.93
Indian rupee	52.42-52.58	Ireland	7.0900-7.09
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5378-0.5445	Italy	117.68-117
Malaysia ringgit	4.4000-4.4000	Japan	157.00-157
Mexico peso	5.765-5.865	Netherlands	1.7896-1.78
New Zealand dollar	3.4223-3.4305		

C#345	360	1	8	19	22	34	36
P#174	360	1	13	16	22	34	36
P#217A	322	1	7	19	19	22	34
Bt Cae	240	5	16	21	1	7	13
P#244	240	1	7	12	17	19	25
P#240	240	1	13	16	22	34	36
E#251	240	1	12	20	1	12	25
B#200	330	25	45	63	3	23	30
P#250	330	1	12	16	20	40	48
F#255	200	3	7	10	14	17	22
P#209+T	220	9	9	14	14	17	22
Glan	675	30					
H#200	45	72	-	1	0	40	52
H#200	100	40					

and Paris based trade selling.

LONDON FOX COCA

Jul	—	503-504	Sep	—	637-670
Sep	—	532-522	Dec	—	696-698
Mar	—	582-581	May	—	715-717
Jun	—	601-600	Aug	—	760-761
Jul	—	614-617			

Volume: 311

ROBUSTA COFFEE (\$)

Jul	Mar	780-781
Jan	780-781	780-781
Mar	780-781	780-781

Saudi Arabia (ytd)	6,312.2-6,308	Malaysia	5,116.1-5,111
Singapore (dtd)	3,632.2-3,630.8	Paraguay	1,246.6-1,290
S Africa rand (ftr)	7,112.5-7,254.9	Singapore	6,061.1-6,062
S Africa rand (com)	5,219.6-5,231	Spain	48 [5,548]
U A E dirham	0.815-0.800	Sweden	9,640.5-9,645
Barclays Bank GTS - Lloyds Bank		Switzerland	1,413.2-1,411

MONEY RATES (%)			
Base Rates Clearing Banks 10	Finance Hse 10 1/2		
Discount Markets London Overnight high 9 1/2		Low 8	Week fixed:
Treasury Bills (Overday: 2 mth 9 1/2, 3 mth 9 3/4)		Sell: 2 mth 9 1/2, 3 mth 9 3/4	

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	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 m
Prime Bank Bills (Dist)	97-9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	97-9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	97-9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	97-9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10	
Interbank:	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10		
Overnight: open rate, close 9:					9 ¹¹ / ₁₆ -10
Local Authority Depos:	10	n/a	10	10	
Reserve CDs:	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -*	9 ¹¹ / ₁₆ -10	9 ¹¹ / ₁₆ -10	9 ¹¹ / ₁₆ -10
Dollar CDs:	3 80-175	n/a	3 80-181	3 75-180	4 17-4
Building Society CDs:	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10	10 ¹⁰ -10	9 ¹¹ / ₁₆ -10	9 ¹¹ / ₁₆ -10

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Currency	7 day	1 moth	3 moth	6 moth	Ca
Dollar	1-3/4	3-1/4	4-1/4	4-1/4	4-1/4
Deutschmark	9-9/16	10-1/16	10-1/16	10-1/16	10-1/16
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50-69	~65%	~68%	~70%
70+	~55%	~58%	~60%

Semi-finals debunk Taylor philosophy

Holland coach says he warned players of threat from Denmark

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN GOTHENBURG

THE semi-finals of the European football championship have given Graham Taylor's philosophy no help at all. The England players will have observed this. Germany's mastery of Sweden and Denmark's unexpected and thrilling resistance of the Dutch each demonstrated the absurdity of the idea that football is about athleticism more than skill. Try telling Alan Ball, part of Taylor's coaching squad.

Rinus Michels, reflecting on the final match of an exceptional coaching/managerial career with Holland in which he has guided some of the finest teams of club or country, magnanimously called the Danes "heroic from beginning to end". They had been disorganised, Michels said, in their opening draw against England — an uncomfortable measurement of England's own disorganisation — but their lack of preparation, as late replacements for Yugoslavia, had not mattered.

"Preparation is relative," Michels said, another reflection on Taylor's multi-changing administration. "Without preparation, Denmark had the ability to know how to play if given any space. They had nothing to lose. By the time they played France, they were doing a good job, so I had told my team to be prepared."

Yet Holland were no more prepared than France for opponents willing to run their socks off, who by the beginning of extra time could barely break into a jog. The Dutch players, Michels said, had supposed they could win by playing only football. The Danes had shown, he admitted, that you also have to win the physical, psychological fight. "In the one-against-one duels, we lost most of them."

England, against Sweden, had limited skill, confused organisation... and little fight. "We might have held on to our lead," Bobby Charlton said, "if we had been prepared to run more, to advise each



other more, but you see little talk between players on the field at the moment." Charlton has always insisted that playing for England is, for much of the time, a slog. A willingness to work.

The England team under Taylor is as far from the Danes' enthusiasm for work as it is from the organisation of the Germans or the skill of the Dutch. Taylor said after a defeat that robbed the final of the most accomplished team. "But you can do no more than tell them. Then you have to wait to see how the key players will react."

On the night, Holland's did not. Michels denied, when I put it to him, that the front three, Gullit, van Basten and Roy had contributed least of all to the physical contest, thereby overloading the other seven. He was perhaps being loyal, though he did go so far as to say that Holland had no excuse by claiming fatigue, since they had been far less exhausted than the Danes and he had had no need to make the second substitution until late in extra time. That, it seemed to me, amounted to an admission of the accusation against Gullit and van Basten.

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Michels: Danes "heroic"

Injuries hamper Denmark

FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN GOTHENBURG

WHEN the triumphant Danes clambered over their coach here in the early hours of yesterday morning, they resembled modern Vikings returning from a conflict. Two of their number did not even make it back from the Ullevi stadium, where they conquered the European championship favourites, Holland, in the second semi-final on Monday night.

Andersen, who dislocated and fractured his left kneecap, and Christensen, another victim of a serious knee injury, have both been flown back to Copenhagen for treatment. In Andersen's case, an operation was required and he will be out of action for at least three months.

They left behind the walking wounded, although Olsen could scarcely be categorised as even that. Denmark's captain had to be carried by colleagues from the hotel to the celebratory dinner, held in a nearby restaurant by the waterfront.

Yet he is not necessarily the most serious casualty for the final here on Friday against Germany, the world champions, for which Swedish police expect to mobilise 1,690 officers to counter any hooliganism. Svendsen has pulled a hamstring and considers his chances of being available as "minimal". Christoff, the scorer of the decisive penalty, Laudrup, Jensen and Larsen are all expected to recover

from their various muscle strains.

Kent Nielsen, who was omitted from the semi-final, could have played, in the opinion of their manager. "I decided it was better to keep him for the final," Richard Møller-Nielsen said. The statement was uttered with a smile, but the Danes were, and are, not short of belief.

Nevertheless, they are at a huge disadvantage. The Germans, as well as enjoying an extra day's rest, are so comparatively healthy that they have already revealed their line-up. Not surprisingly, it will be the same as that which started against Sweden in Stockholm on Sunday.

Møller-Nielsen insists that his team, though it "nearly ran out of gas" on Monday night and will inevitably be weakened, is capable of causing "one more surprise". To win the title, especially in such unfavourable circumstances, would be even more improbable than their most recent unexpected victory.

Holland were arrogant, according to Schuster, and the goalkeeper noted that they hardly bothered to hail their opening goal. They were as convinced they were going to win as had been the Dutch travel agents who had the impudence to contract the Danish Football Association and request tickets for the final.

Everybody underestimated

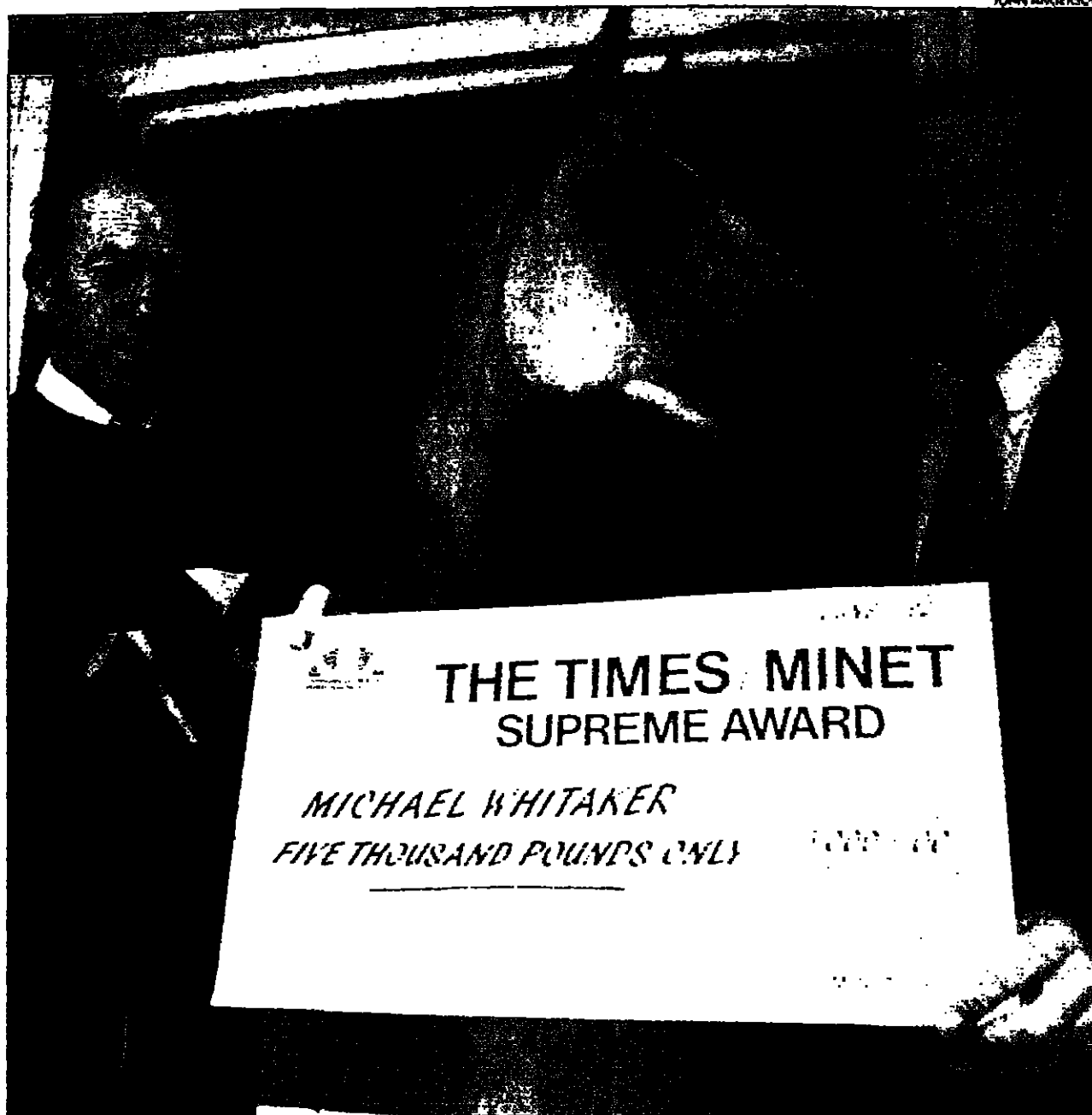
In spite of having as assistant Lawrie McMenemy — whose value must lie in man management rather than coaching, as exemplified with his older players at Southampton — Taylor has continued to have bad relations with most of the better players whose reputations were established before his arrival. His insecurity has become a liability, reaching a climax with blaming Linaker for the deficiencies against Sweden rather than his non-existent midfield.

Any manager is, of course, in the hands of his best players on the field, and he must live with that. "I told my players a hundred times to be ready for what the Danes would do to us," Michels said after a defeat that robbed the final of the most accomplished team. "But you can do no more than tell them. Then you have to wait to see how the key players will react."

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Taylor, however, was neither loyal nor logical during the championship. It is usual to find, at international events, that former international players tend to be sympathetic to the national manager. They know how tough is the public demand made on him. It is significant that, of a dozen or so former players who have been in Sweden, none by the end was sympathetic to Taylor, bemused by his wholesale changes of players and tactics.

When even your peers have ceased to believe in you in private, it is time to take notice. Or for the FA to act.



Keeping it in the family: John Whitaker, left, presents the Times/Minet award to his brother, Michael

Whitaker relies on consistency

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker, a leading contender for the Olympic show-jumping team, faces a last "trial" at the Aachen Show next week in Germany, where he competes with the six other Olympic shortlisted riders. Whitaker will be pinning his hopes on his 1989 European silver medal winner, Henderson Monsanto, which he believes is the most consistent horse he has ridden.

The Irish-bred gelding was bought as a result of Britain's poor showing at the Seoul Olympic Games, where the team was sixth. Whitaker, in need of a top horse, was only acting as reserve and Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, said at the time that he "never again wanted to be at an Olympics and have his best rider watching from the sidelines".

Sir Philip Harris, a keen supporter of show jumping, was similarly disappointed. On his return from Seoul, he bought Monsanto, on which Gillian Greenwood has won the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, for an undisclosed sum. He

was given to Whitaker to ride. Last year, Sir Philip bought him a second horse, Midnight Madness, on which Whitaker won his third King George V Gold Cup earlier this month, but the Dutch-bred gelding may not be eligible for Barcelona because he was not registered with the British Show Jumping Association by January 1.

Whitaker, who was "cluffed" to receive the Times/Minet Supreme award to help with training costs, said: "It would take the pressure off if I had two horses to choose from, but the way Monsanto is going at the moment, I'm quite happy to rely on him." Although the horse is aged 18, Whitaker does not expect the heat and humidity in Barcelona to affect him unduly. "He's got no breathing problems and he's a very tough horse," he said.

He is also a difficult horse, who responds well to Whitaker's aggressive style of riding. Massarella describes Whitaker, aged 32, as the best rider in the world. "He can get on any horse and get the maximum out of it, like Lester Piggott in his younger days."

As a team rider, Massarella also rates him highly. "I can put him in any position in the team and know that he'll keep cool and do the job."

Whitaker has been "doing the job" ever since he was picked for the junior European championships in 1976 aged 16. Two years later, he won a team gold at the championships. In 1984, he helped the British team to an unexpected silver medal in Los Angeles, but that success was tempered by the most disappointing moment of his career: Whitaker, on Amanda, had a commanding lead for the individual gold medal as entering the final round, only for Amanda to stop at a double of water ditches.

Monsanta, who assumed the forename Henderson in 1990 when Michael and his older brother, John, became sponsored by Henderson Unit Trust Management, has brought him rich rewards. At the European championships in 1989, Whitaker won the individual silver medal. A month later, he and Monsanto won the £90,000 first prize in the Calgary grand prix.

This season, the horse won the grand prix in both Antwerp and Dortmund in March. In May, he helped Britain to second place in the Lucerne Nations' Cup and was fifth in both the grands prix at Hickstead.

The team for Barcelona will be announced on July 7 after the selectors have assessed performances at Aachen. If Whitaker is selected, he will not be content merely to take part. With a resolve sharpened by events in Los Angeles, he said: "The only way I'll ever get over what happened there is to win a gold medal in Barcelona."

The Times/Minet Supreme awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international insurance brokers — to help fund Britain's preparations for the Olympic Games this year. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely medal contenders.

SWIMMING

Pickering continues to progress

Newcastle.....0
Great Britain.....22

FROM KEITH MACKLIN
IN NEWCASTLE
NEW SOUTH WALES

KAREN Pickering, Britain's best hope of a medal in the women's swimming events at the Barcelona Olympic Games, was said to be making "good progress" yesterday after sustaining a back injury when a BBC cameraman and his camera fell into the pool on top of her during training in Narbonne, France, at the weekend (Craig Lord writes).

Pickering, aged 20, who is ranked among the top ten in the world at 100 and 200 metres freestyle, clipped the £20,000 camera with her feet. Paul Bush, the team manager, said yesterday: "We were extremely concerned about Karen when the accident happened. She was very shocked and had muscle spasms in her back. But she did a hard set this morning and seems to be making good progress."

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley hobbles out of swansong

Newcastle.....0
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FROM KEITH MACKLIN
IN NEWCASTLE
NEW SOUTH WALES

ELLERY Hanley's tour, and almost certainly his international career, came to an end after just six minutes 41 seconds of his comeback yesterday. The Great Britain captain played no significant part in his team's most complete and satisfying performance so far of its tour of Australia.

Hanley followed up a break by Ellis, was heavily tackled by the Newcastle forward, Miller, and got up rubbing his right thigh and leg ominously. He hobbled back into position, and three minutes later left the field, to sit on the team bench with his head in his hands staring stonily at the ground. A flock of cameramen

swooped like starlings to record the moment.

Cynics will feast on the fact that, by making even a token appearance, Hanley proved his "commitment" to the tour, while the injury ensures that, if his playing contract is ended, he can take up a television commentary offer from a Sydney station with an apparently clear conscience. Indeed, there is some conjecture that Hanley might yet remain on tour in a coaching capacity.

Nevertheless, the bad odour remains that Hanley did not consult the team management before entering into television negotiations. In addition, the feeling refuses to go away that Great Britain were unwise to bring out their skipper in view of the prevailing injury doubts.

After the game there was a terse press conference at which the manager, Maurice Lindsay, said a decision would be made today after Hanley un-

dergoes a thorough medical examination.

The sorry Hanley saga should not overshadow a splendid display in attack and defence by Great Britain's "midweek" side. It was never under threat from a disappointing Newcastle, and Fox, the scrum half who took over as captain from Hanley, the full back, Lydon, the hooker, Jackson, and the prop forward, Harrison, staked powerful claims for inclusion in Friday's second international at Melbourne.

Lydon, Hunt (2) and Fairbank scored the tries and Fox kicked three goals. **SCORES:** Great Britain: Tries: Hunt (2), Lydon, Fairbank. Goals: Fox (3). **NEWCASTLE:** R. O'Flaherty (sub: J. Furler), T. Herman, J. Schuster, D. Smith, S. MacLennan, M. Hoggan (sub: I. McCormick), M. Redwell, M. Sargent, M. Chapman, S. Stewart, G. Miller, D. Adkins, M. Gurnell (sub: W. Richards). **GREAT BRITAIN:** Lydon (sub: D. Hargrett), A. Hunt, J. Devereux, G. Connolly, G. Halliday, E. Ellis, D. Fox, K. Harrison, J. Jackson, P. Broadbent (sub: K. Farquhar), M. Jackson, S. McNamara (sub: M. Aston), E. Hanley (sub: P. Hume). Referee: W. Hamman (Sydney)

RACING

Lewis's colt to bypass Curragh

BY MICHAEL SEELY

GEOFF Lewis created a big surprise yesterday when deciding at the eleventh hour not to supplement Silver Wisp at a cost of £175,000 for the Budweiser Irish Derby at the Curragh on Sunday.

"He's just not right," the trainer said. "When we had him scoped as a precautionary measure this morning, the sample taken was slightly cloudy with bits of stuff in it. The vet says that if it is not treated, it could get worse by the weekend."

Explaining further, Lewis said: "We couldn't possibly run him. It would affect his breathing and it would be likely he would run out of oxygen towards the end of the race."

Lewis and Bill Robins, Silver Wisp's owner, are bitterly disappointed, as the decision to pay the enormous late entry fee for the Derby third had only been taken after much heart-searching.

"He'd never been better in his life," Lewis said. "We only had the scoping done as a precaution. It would have been madness not to have done so before forking out £175,000."

Stable hopes now are that Silver Wisp will recover in time to run in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on Sunday week.

"He can now be given treatment. He'll be able to run and do light exercise. And if he comes right, we can work him next Tuesday," Lewis said.

In contrast, Dr Devieux was yesterday given a clean bill of health by Peter Chapple-Hyam for his attempt to become the third horse in the past five years to complete the double of the English and Irish Derbies.

"Dr Devieux is absolutely spot on," the Manton trainer said. "The way he went this morning, nothing will beat him. I had him scoped immediately afterwards and he was perfectly clear. He's better now than before Epsom."

After yesterday's four-day declaration stage, the even money with Sean Graham was the best price available about the comfortable Epsom winner. With Ladbrokes only offering 6-4 on about the favourite, Graham's price is unlikely to last long.

St Jovite, the Derby runner-up, is generally 3-1 second favourite to go one better on his home territory.

The appeal of his jockey, Christy Roche, against a 15-day riding suspension, is now due to be heard by the Turf Club on Friday.

Jim Bolger, his trainer, had threatened to withdraw St Jovite if Roche was unable to ride but he will now have to declare at Friday's final acceptance stage before he knows the outcome of the appeal.

Michael Scoute said yesterday that Ezoud is a probable runner. Walter Swinburn will be on board the St James's Palace Stakes third, as Pat Eddery has been claimed to ride Khaled Abdulla's French Derby third, Contested Bid.

"I've told the owners that he needs further than a mile and they want to run here rather than in the Eclipse," the trainer said. "If he gets the mile-and-a-half, he's sure to run a big race."

Other definite runners include Marignan, a fast-finishing runner-up in the French Derby, and the Queen's Vase winner, Landowner, who has been supplemented, bringing the maximum possible field to 11.

Ladbrokes bet: 4-6 Dr Devieux, 3-1 St Jovite, 3-1 Ezoud, Marignan, 10-1 Contested Bid, 25-1 Landowner, Ormsby, 50-1 Dive For Cover, 100-1 Mining Tycoon, 150-1 Bolavard, Appealing Bubbles.

Forget the histrionics — some serious sports analysis is needed

BY PETER BARNARD

THE last seven days have seen a tremendous amount of heat generated over the performance, if that is not too strong a word, of the England team in Sweden. As usual, my colleagues in the press have got it all wrong, choosing to denigrate certain of Graham Taylor's remarks rather than paying attention.

Serious analysis is what we need, not histrionics. One only had to look at television over the weekend to see just how wise and insightful Taylor is, to understand how wronged he has been by the off-with-his-head lunatics

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with whom I have the embarrassing misfortune to share newspaper space. And football is not the only sport in which Taylor's statements following the defeat by Sweden were borne out.

One thing Taylor bemoaned was the interruption of half-time. You go in at half-time a goal up, you go in at

full time 2-1 down. Surely even the wooden-headed can see that you have been beaten by the interruption.

On Sunday night I stayed up to watch the climax of the United States Open golf. Even a fool would have realised that Gil Morgan should have collected the trophy rather than Tom Kite. At half-time, or after two rounds as I believe they say in golf, Morgan was clearly the man to watch.

Yet what happened? The organisers insisted on stopping when it got dark. Instead of rigging up floodlights, introducing luminous balls and day-glo clothing,

poor old Gil was obliged to lie down and go to sleep, thus losing his momentum. As Taylor implied, the rewards these days go to people who stop work and do nothing, whether for 15 minutes or eight hours. It is a scandalous state of affairs.

Cricket is no better. On Sunday afternoon I switched on the television expecting to find England coasting along. Instead there were two Pakistanis at the wicket, carrying bats. England had obviously lost their momentum on Saturday night, and little wonder: they were forced to spend the night in bed. Who would have bet against Eng-

land had they carried on all night? Lord's only needed the lights, cricket already has the right clothing. Another chance thrown away.

And on Sunday came more football: Sweden v Germany. Here in a single triumphant sweep came vindication for all of Taylor's theories that long-ball game is the way forward and that the Sweden players are better because they are bigger.

Admittedly the Germans were winning at half-time, but as Jack Charlton pointed out on ITV, the Swedes were beginning to look dangerous towards the interval. Those of

us who had taken Taylor's remark to heart and treated it with the respect it deserved knew what was coming. Surely it is no coincidence that Sweden came out for the second half looking about as dangerous as a stuffed gerbil.

Germany won, as Taylor predicted, because of the long-ball game: every time Sweden played the long ball, the Germans intercepted, took the ball down the field using a series of short passes that added up to one long pass (the short-long ball game as we experts say) and scored.

I cannot but accept that this outcome slightly under-

mined the argument about Sweden having bigger players but the significant factor is that just as Sweden looked like pulling back, Anders Limpar started warming up. He is shorter than the player he replaced, Case proven.

That only leaves you wondering why half-time does not affect everyone equally. Why, indeed, it had a deleterious effect on Gil Morgan but a beneficial one on Tom Kite. I have not been able to contact Peter Alliss, of the BBC and ABC, for an expert view. No theory is without its flaws, a truth amply demonstrated in recent television interviews by Graham Taylor.



Taylor: insightful

First-class teams fear first-round upset

Fine weather eases Sussex's dread of embarrassment

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE last Wednesday in June is annually dreaded by the majority of first-class cricketers, and those in action in Beaconsfield, Oxford or Telford today will suffer the sharpest fears of embarrassment.

No matter how seldom it happens, the possibility of a giant-killing sustains interest in the first round of the NatWest Trophy. This year the potential for an upset has been diminished by both the draw and the fine weather. Only four of the amateur teams are at home, as opposed to nine last year, when a wet week also left many pitches offering a lottery.

A rain-affected pitch at Marlborough has already contributed to Sussex's defeat by Minor Counties in the Benson and Hedges Cup this year, and they will hardly relish returning to Buckinghamshire today. This time, the venue is not Marlborough, or even High Wycombe, where Somerset were beaten at this stage in 1987, but Beaconsfield. Ian Salisbury is well aware that his new status as a Test hero will only make him a greater target for the likes of Malcolm Roberts, a policeman and one

of the finest batsmen outside the first-class game.

It was on the St George's ground, at Telford, eight years ago, that Shropshire humbled Yorkshire. Boycott and all, by 37 runs. Middlesex are today's visitors and Mike Gatting will be leading them despite having ten stitches in a head wound at the weekend. Phil Tufnell now hopes to return in the championship match against Somerset.

This is a big day for Lancashire, for whom the NatWest represents the best hope of salvaging another deflating season. They have won one championship game out of ten, fallen in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals, and lie twelfth in the Sunday League. On their Christ Church ground, Oxfordshire, who won the western division of the Minor Counties championship last season, will be no pushover for Lancashire, who will be without DeFreitas. He is suffering a recurrence of the groin strain that has troubled him for several months.

Durham will be without Botham. Bainbridge and Brown against Ireland in Dublin. Botham did travel with the team but it is feared

his left big toe is broken. David Graveney, his captain, said: "At his age, injuries take a long time to heal," words on which the England selectors will doubtless ponder.

Tom Moody hopes to return for Worcestershire at Trent Bridge after damaging ankle ligaments a week ago and Alan Butcher, who has scarcely played all season for Glamorgan, expects to lead them against his former county, Surrey, at Swansea.

The holders, Hampshire, play their neighbours, Dorset, who will lack nothing in experience. Andrew Wingfield Digby, captain to the England team, is coming out of retirement at 41 and may take the new ball with Julian Shackleton, aged 40.

Hampshire, however, are taking no chances and have refused Dorset permission to include Neil Taylor, the fast bowler. Hampshire hold Taylor's registration and it may not have escaped them that he rapidly dismissed Fowler and Mendis to threaten Lancashire with expulsion last year. After the way Hampshire batted against Essex on Monday, such caution may not be misplaced.

Essex call for pitch enquiry

ESSEX are demanding a full investigation by Southend council after they were forced to abandon a second XI match at Leigh-on-Sea yesterday because of the state of the pitch.

The Rapid Cricketline championship game against Hampshire was called off after five overs when the umpires and both captains agreed that there was a danger of the batsmen being injured.

Southend Corporation, which is responsible for the preparation of the Chalkwell Park pitch, took the blame three years ago for producing a pitch at Southend that ultimately cost Essex the county championship.

The England team manager-elect, Keith Fletcher, who was captaining the Essex second XI yesterday, said: "There was no point at all in continuing. Every ball was going through the top and in a situation like that, youngsters learn absolutely nothing. It was also dangerous and a player could have got injured."

A spokesman for Southend council said: "Unfortunately, the square itself is used by two local teams at weekends. We were unable to water it and were caught out by the drying weather."

Experience takes Durham to title

By MARK HERBERT

FINCHLEY (Kent University won toss): Durham University beat Kent University by 93 runs

DURHAM'S experience and all-round strength took them to their third consecutive Commercial Union title in the Universities Athletic Union final yesterday. In spite of being unable to subdue Kent completely, the target of 309 off 60 overs proved too much and they won by 93 runs.

As a contest, the game effectively ended shortly before tea when Kent lost Shah and Owen, their powerful middle-order batsmen. The day before, Archer and Owen had dug Kent out of a pit in the semi-final against Exeter. Yesterday, Archer had scarcely had time to recover from bowling 19 demanding overs before he edged Bovill behind down the leg side.

Fulton and Lovatt followed cheaply, and after Owen and Shah threatened briefly, Kent subsided.

Earlier, the stop-start nature of Durham's innings, plus Kent's rotation of their bowlers, made bewildering watching. Williams and Richards began at a gallop, taking 27 off the first four overs, then slowed to a crawl.

It took Ecclestone and Snape 30 overs to see the hundred up, but after lunch, in their contrasting styles, they took Kent apart. Ecclestone, the tall left-hander, played some destructive strokes in his 93, while Snape pulled and cut freely, and ran superbly for his second fifty in two days.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY
J R A Williams b Shah 36
A C Richards c b Archer 31
S C Ecclestone c McGowan b Rogers 39
J N Snape c Rogers b Archer 36
I W M Bailey b Archer 13
C J Hollins b Archer 7
C J Hollins c Archer b Rogers 32
J C Hallatt run out 0
A G Webster c Fulton b Rogers 20
M T J Brinson run out 6
J N B Bovill run out 4
Extras (b, lb) 10
Total (58.5 overs) 308

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-76, 3-220, 4-227, 5-237, 6-245, 7-246, 8-298, 9-298.
BOWLING: McGowan 20-15-0; Shah 12-4-2-70-1; Archer 19-3-77-4; Murphy 5-23-5-0; Seary 8-1-38-2; Rogers 13-17-23-1.

KENT UNIVERSITY
J M N Lovatt c Hollins b Hallatt 18
R E Archer c Bailey b Bovill 10
D J Fulton c Hollins b Hallatt 40
R D Shah c Ecclestone b Hollins 40
J Owen c Williams b Snape 25
A P Handcock c Webster b Brinson 25
I C E Williams c Bailey b Hallatt 29
A P Rogers c Hollins b Brinson 21
D A Berry c Ecclestone b Hollins 2
A N J McGowan not out 16
P A Murphy c Hollins b Hollins 2
Extras (b, lb) 10
Total (58.5 overs) 215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-24, 3-37, 4-106, 5-106, 6-144, 7-164, 8-164, 9-211.
BOWLING: Hallatt 10-1-29-3; Brail 3-0-24-1; Webster 4-1-19-0; Snape 16-3-52-1; Hollins 13-5-24-3; Brinson 12-1-44-2.
Umpires: R. Hooley and M. Reed.
CORRECTION: Oxford University v Glamorgan (June 22): Oxford University Second XI scored 153 and 103 (101 and 110 not out, not as previously published).

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting
Qualification: 6 completed innings, average 56.75

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
M W Gattling	10	12	4	570	121	56.75	4	2
T S Curran	10	14	4	525	228	56.25	4	2
T C Middleton	10	15	2	1032	221	79.38	6	3
P D Bowler	9	14	3	871	155	79.18	5	3
G R Cowdrey	7	10	3	524	147	74.85	2	3
N J Speck	10	17	1	1177	232	73.56	4	6
D Bailey	9	13	5	571	107	71.37	3	3
G A Gooch	6	8	0	567	160	70.87	3	3
C J Stewart	8	13	3	706	190	70.60	3	3
C L Hooper	6	11	1	560	121	70.00	3	3
C A White	6	9	3	416	79	69.33	2	4
A P Mills	8	12	1	736	165	66.50	3	3
M A Rosebush	11	14	1	868	145	66.75	3	3
M D Memon	6	7	0	464	141	66.28	2	3
D I Gower	9	13	3	662	155	66.20	2	3
N R Taylor	10	14	2	628	80	62.60	2	3
M R Ramprakash	9	13	2	668	233	60.72	2	3
V P Topley	6	9	5	541	141	57.88	2	3
M J Jones	10	17	4	741	157	57.46	3	3
G D Lloyd	11	19	7	691	132	56.75	3	3

Compiled by Richard Lockwood

Bowling
Qualification: 20 wickets, average 28.06

	O	M	R	W	Avg	BB	50	100
C A Walsh	201	1	466	39	11.95	7-77	4	1
V J Wells	191	2	463	25	18.52	5-44	3	1
A A Donald	202	52	649	32	20.28	5-44	3	1
P Cardiff	308	31	626	25	25.04	6-58	1	1
N A Mallerinder	181	36	545	26	20.96	5-29	2	1
J E Embury	333	116	662	31	21.35	5-23	1	1
K J Shine	136	22	384	18	21.33	6-47	2	1
J H Childs	104	80	37	21	7.3	6-82	2	1
J R Ayrton	186	45	501	23	21.78	5-31	3	1
S I E Brown	207	32	590	27	21.85	5-22	2	1
H R J Trump	204	58	507	22	23.04	7-52	2	1
P J Newport	333	79	935	40	23.37	5-22	4	1
M D Memon	205	37	582	25	23.28	5-22	2	1
P J Martin	263	76	685	27	25.37	4-45	2	1
S D Olliver	347	116	898	35	25.65	8-50	2	1
D J Miles	227	78	677	26	25.65	6-50	2	1
M Davies	235	49	583	22	26.50	4-75	1	1
T A Munton	289	81	724	26	27.84	6-81	1	1
P A Smith	193	55	694	26	26.69	6-81	1	1
N V Redford	276	53	694	26	26.06	6-81	2	1

Source: TCCB/Bull

Yorkshire issue warning to injury-prone Jarvis

PAUL Jarvis, Yorkshire's leading fast bowler, who has played in only three of the county's last 25 championship matches, has been given what amounts to a final warning following a meeting of the cricket committee (Martin Seary writes).

Jarvis, aged 26, who has had his differences with the club in recent seasons but who signed a three-year contract earlier this year, managed only 19 balls against Surrey in the opening match of the season and 17 half-pace overs five weeks later against Hampshire at Basingstoke. His fitness problems, which range from hamstring to knee and groin strains, are causing Yorkshire great concern.

Sachin Tendulkar, the Indian batsman who became Yorkshire's first overseas player when he joined them earlier

this season, is likely to sign a long-term contract. He joined Yorkshire initially for two years.

Oxford have named their strongest side to meet Cambridge at Lord's next week.

OXFORD: R Montgomery (Dugby and Worcester), J E R Gilling (The Witnower House School and Keele), A C Seavey (St John's College, Johannesburg and Keele), G B T Lovell (Sydney University and Beter, Habb), C L Keay (Warwick and Keele), M J Hobbs (Bishop's Cleeve High and Keele), M Davies (St Dunstan's College and Christ Church), R H Macdonald (Donbosch Boys HS, Capetown and Keele), D Anderson (Ripon HS and St Edmund Hall), B Wood (Bailey GS and Worcester) and C J Townsend (Oxon College, Cheltenham, and Brasenose).
CAMBRIDGE: J P Crawley (Manchester GS and Trinity, Capetown), A M Hooper (Lancaster Upper and St John's), G W Jones (King's School, Chester and Gwennie and Cullis), R M Wright (King's College School, Wimbledon and Trinity Hall), J P Carroll (Wendcombe College and Homerton), J P Anson (Northampton and Walsley), G S Gannon, C M Fletcher (St Edward's Oxford and Selwyn), S W Johnson (Newcastle ACS and Magdalen), T S M Pearson (Bailey GS and St John's), M B Abington (Bedford and Homerton).



Struggling to make the grade: Lewis, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic champion, on his way to qualifying, with 8.14 metres, for long jump final in New Orleans

ATHLETICS

Marathon task for Slaney as Lewis squeezes into final

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW ORLEANS

WHILE Carl Lewis has followed the Olympic high road these past few years, Mary Slaney has been stuck on the low road. Lewis, winner of six gold medals, Slaney, winner of none. Now Lewis is spinning into Slaney's path, his torment event.

"What am I doing here?" Lewis questioned as he headed towards the warm-up track after he had finished competing on Monday. He appeared in a daze and his strained expression throughout the qualifying round of the long jump told the story of a man returning to mortality.

Lewis, for the first time in his competitive life, looks vulnerable. He failed to achieve the distance that would guarantee him a place in the final, though this Olympic title has not yet gone the way of his 100 metres one. But a best jump of barely eight metres, from a man who is used to coming closer to nine, keeps us guessing as to whether he will qualify for the United States team in any of his four events.

Mike Powell, who defeated Lewis in a memorable world championship final last year, both men up in the 8.90s, did the job as it should be done: one jump of qualifying length then wait for the final. While Powell was giving his press conference, Lewis was still out on the Tad Gormley track, deteriorating from a modest first jump to a poor second and third.

Ironically, as Lewis struggled, Powell explained the value of accomplishing the 8.30-metre qualifying distance at the first attempt. "If you foul your first jump, you then feel you don't want to miss your second because that puts pressure on for the third," Powell said after his one jump of 8.36 metres. He set a world record 8.95 metres in Tokyo and is now over a recent hamstring injury.

A phrase that Lewis had used after failing on Saturday to earn an Olympic 100 metres place was now borrowed by Slaney after the 3,000 metres. "I felt flat," she said. Like Lewis, she had finished sixth and must now qualify in the 1,500 metres if she is to book her place. Lewis was on the infield preparing to jump while Slaney was going through what he had on Saturday. Slaney, though, is no stranger to Olympic disappointment.

In 1976, she qualified for the team but was not picked because, at 17, she was considered too young; in 1980, the

United States boycotted Moscow; in 1984, there was Zola Budd; and in 1988 she finished eighth in the 1,500 metres and tenth in the 3,000 metres. "I think I could be better at these Olympics than in the previous two," she had said before coming here.

These words now have a hollow ring. Even at modest 3,000 metres pace, she was in trouble well over the shorter distance. She had made a bold start, opening a ten-metre lead in the first lap, but in the end could not even break nine minutes. "I wanted to do 8:30, but I obviously was not ready for it," she said.

At her peak, Slaney won world titles at both distances in 1983 and set world records for the mile, 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres. She has been training hard for more than 20 years. Now aged 33, she was only 12 when she ran a marathon in 3hr 09min 27sec. And her relentless training has taken her to the operating table on more than a dozen occasions to keep the legs working.

A tempestuous character, she is best known for her tearful and acrimonious exit from the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles after tangling with Budd. But there have been other incidents. At 15, competing indoors against the Soviet Union in a 4 x 800 metres relay, she was pushed by an opponent. After failing in a gallant attempt to catch her, Slaney (then Mary Decker) threw the baton at the Soviet, resulting in her team's disqualification.

Will throwing in the towel be next? Not while she still believes that Olympic gold can be hers. "I am thinking about running the 10,000 metres in Atlanta [1996 Olympics]," she said. "Why should I have a retirement plan?"



Slaney failed at 3,000m

YACHTING

Law is penalised but keeps place in team

By BARRY PICKTHALL

OUTSTRIPPER, the Tripp 40 cruiser-racer skippered by Chris Law, was penalised one place after last weekend's Morgan Cup race for failing to declare a change of crew, but retains her place in the British team to contest the Rolex Commodore's Cup international series at Cowes next month.

Sunstripper, Harry Dodd's Tripp 47 design and Sunstone, the evergreen yacht campaigned by Tom and Vicky Jackson, make up the British team.

Two other leading performers, Eric Dragten's Dubois designed 40-footer, Impulse, which was disqualified from the first round of races after her crew was caught sailing with a much lighter anchor to that listed on her ratings certificate, and Don Wood's former Admiral's Cup yacht, Red Source, which had been leading the trials until dis-

masted last weekend, are now likely to be snapped up by foreign teams.

Eric Dragten, who visited the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) said yesterday: "We have been approached by half the world to race. We are now looking to join the strongest team."

Alan Green, the RORC's race director, however, was adamant last night that the leading crews had won through into the team.

Mark Gathouse last night looked set to claim second place among the monohull fleet competing in the Europe 1 single-handed transatlantic race. His 60ft yacht, Queen Anne's Battery, was 83 miles ahead of Alan Wynn Thomas, aboard Cardiff Discovery.

LATEST POSITIONS (with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Monohull: 2, Queen Anne's Battery (Ed Gathouse GB), 83 miles; 3, Cardiff Discovery (A Wynne Thomas, GB), 152; 4, Groupe LG 18 de Broc, Fr, 224; 5, Dogyard-H-Burgess, GB, 231.

ROWING

ARA restores Olympic quad coach

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN Pilgrim-Morris, the Leander and Oxford University coach, has been reinstated as coach to the British Olympic quad scull (Mike Rosewell writes). When the British team was announced last week, Pilgrim-Morris, who had coached the crew since its formation in April, had been replaced by Ray Sims, of Nottingham.

Apparently, there had been no consultation with Pilgrim-Morris and the decision to replace him had been made by Mark Lees, the international performance director.

The Amateur Rowing Association considered the manner of the change was unreasonable and Pilgrim-Morris was reinstated yesterday.

Lees was admitted to hospital last weekend after a check-up earlier in the week. He was due out last night and expected to meet Brian Armstrong, the international rowing manager, for discussions.

EQUESTRIANISM

New scheme backs British breeding

By JENNY MACARTHUR

BRITAIN could again become an influential breeding ground for leading competition horses following the launch of the British Horse Database yesterday.

The scheme, which could revolutionise the British non-thoroughbred industry, has been initiated by the British Horse Foundation.

It aims to encourage breeders by providing a national registration of horses and ponies and by carrying information on stock.

The service will be similar to that offered by Weatherbys in racing and will link breeding stock with performance results.

Its initial funding has come from the Worshipful Company of Saddlers, which is providing £250,000.

Richard Meade, chairman of the foundation, said: "Database will give our breeders the recognition they de-

serve and encourage foreign buyers to Britain. Above all, it will help British riders to win medals on British horses."

Although Britain has traditionally been a horse-breeding country, other European nations have long since overtaken it. Britain produces only 3,000 foals a year for equestrian sports while Holland and France are nearer 10,000 and Germany produces 25,000.

None of the four horses in Britain's Olympic dressage team was bred in this country and Henderson Milton is likely to be the only British-bred horse in the show-jumping team.

Although Britain is renowned for event horses - produced as an offshoot of the highly developed thoroughbred industry - few have papers. In each of the last three years at Badminton, only two out of the six breeders' prizes could be awarded.

BOXING

McGuigan will lead association to protect boxers

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT



McGuigan: chairman

LEADING British professional boxers decided yesterday to examine the idea of forming themselves into an association. They met yesterday at the offices of the Institute of Professional Sport (IPS) in London and set up a steering committee under the chairmanship of Barry McGuigan. The move has been welcomed by the British Boxing Board of Control and all leading managers and promoters.

McGuigan said the aim of

the Professional Boxers Association (PBA) would be to help boxers in their dealings with managers and promoters and educate their members in the management of finances.

McGuigan, who was involved in a costly legal dispute with his former manager, B. J. Eastwood, said: "I've seen so many ex-fighters end up penniless, broke, national heroes without a single cent, brushing the streets. If I can prevent that happening, I will have

achieved something." Nigel Benn said: "I wish Barry McGuigan had come along 50 years ago. Too many boxers have been ripped off for too long." But McGuigan emphasised that the PBA would be seeking to improve the lot of boxers through "communication not confrontation".

Once the PBA has been formed it will seek membership of the IPS, which will provide funds to promote its

development. McGuigan said the association will work with the IPS to achieve a financial service for professional boxers to cover pensions, taxation and savings arrangements.

The meeting was well attended by boxers past and present, including Billy Walker, Charlie Magri, and John Stracey. It has been promised backing by other leading boxers, including Chris Eubank, Herol Graham, Pat Barrett and Carl Crook.

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British No. 1 scores memorable victory

Bates discovers best form to dismiss Chang

BY ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

ON THE day traditionally reserved for national humiliation, Jeremy Bates produced the best British victory in the men's singles at Wimbledon for 15 years. The British No. 1 held nerve and sinew together for just over two hours to beat Michael Chang, the No. 7 seed, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round on court 14 yesterday.

Admittedly, Chang is still feeling his way on grass, while Bates has been brought up on it, but it was the manner as much as the fact of Bates's win which was so impressive. Only when he served for the match after two-and-a-quarter hours was there any glimmer of the temperament which has cost him so dear in the past. He served a double fault, was distracted by a foot fault, and had to save two break points before completing one of the best victories of his career when Chang, who had never been allowed to settle into his deadly rhythm on the baseline, netted one final backhand.

As the British No. 1 for the past five years, Bates has had to take his share of the brickbats down the years, so it is right he should, for once, accept the plaudits, though he was anxious to play down his moment of triumph.

"What pleased me was that



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I got better as the match went along," he said. "In the past, I've played well for a set or so, but this was one of the best matches I have played. But you have to put it into perspective. This is still one match, I'm not going to be ranked in the top ten because I won it." But it will not do his morale or his ranking, which stands at 113, any harm at all.

The recent history of the British at Wimbledon has been one of constant failure punctuated by glorious and unlikely success. More often than not, the first Tuesday of Wimbledon heralds the annual inquest into the dismal state of the domestic game. Last year was no different until Nick Brown confounded the critics and the rankings by beating Goran Ivanisevic, the No. 10 seed, who was ranked 581 places higher at the time.

Not since John Lloyd upset Roscoe Tanner, the fourth seed, in the first round in 1977, has there been such a giant-killing act by a local boy, but even that did not compare with Roger Taylor's historic victory over Rod Laver in the fourth round in 1970. Laver was the world No. 1, the top seed, and had completed the grand slam the previous year.

Yet, Bates did not defy logic quite as dramatically as Brown did on that dank and dismal Saturday 12 months ago.

Chang has neither the height nor the weight of service to be effective on grass and, of the top ten seeds, looked the most vulnerable. He was beaten in the first round last year. But the American compensates for

his lack of power by speed of foot and thought, while Bates's commitment has not always matched his talent. Only last week, after a torrid defeat in Manchester, he threatened to retire from tennis if he was fined for an on-court offence. Good riddance, said some.

Bates's answer was emphatic enough. Under the guidance of the American, David Coddie, he has been working on his service and his concentration in recent weeks. Both passed the test handsomely yesterday.

There were five breaks in the opening set, the decisive one — in the ninth game — being generously donated by Chang, who served two double faults and missed two routine backhands. Bates took the set in 42 minutes and kept his momentum by breaking again, with the help of a net cord, at the start of the second set.

The skies darkened, threatening the first rain of the week, which finally arrived at 6pm. Bates soldiered on, putting the terrier-like American under pressure with the consistency of his serving and the precision of his volleying.

Unable to hold his service, Chang could not find even the tiniest toe-hold on which to base a recovery. His one glimpse came when he broke in the opening game of the third set, only for Bates to counter the attack in the next game. "That was the big game," Bates said. "It was vital that I came back immediately and I did. I think his head dropped a little after that."

Chang could not even find inspiration from his own voracious supporter in the partisan crowd. Another double fault cost Chang a break in the fourth game of the third set and, despite a brief flurry of passing shots from the American, Bates finally and gleefully reached the second round, where he will meet Javier Sanchez, on his second match point.

Jim Grabb, of the United States, and Diego Nargiso, of Italy, became the first players to be fined at this year's championships. Grabb was fined \$1,000 for an audible obscenity in his defeat by Arnaud Boetsch, while Nargiso, who lost in five sets to Karsten Braasch, was docked \$500 for ball abuse.



Running into top form: Bates makes ground for a forehand on his way to victory over Chang yesterday

Durie bandwagon derailed

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT WAS a hard act to follow, walking onto court 14 after Jeremy Bates had pulled off the best British win in years. The rapidly emptying court had a feeling of anti-climax about it and Jo Durie did little to lift the atmosphere as she lost to Linda Harvey-Wild, of the United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Harvey-Wild has been causing trouble on grass recently — ask Martina Navratilova. After beating the nine-times Wimbledon champion at Eastbourne, she went all the way to the final before falling to Lori McNeil. The Durie bandwagon had been rolling along nicely, too, reaching the semi-finals of Edgbaston and the third round at Eastbourne, but yesterday the wheels came off.

Losing her service with no-

notorious regularity, Durie was floundering from the start, while Harvey-Wild, encased in bandages on both ankles and most of her left leg, kept her service in working order and waited for Durie to do the rest.

Nothing was going right for Durie: she even lost service for the first time in the second set thanks to an unfortunate net cord.

But these days Durie is more relaxed, enjoying her tennis win or lose and, determined not to go out without a struggle, she fought back from two match points down to claim her first game in six and make Harvey-Wild work a little for her victory.

There was one other British success, even if it was guaranteed from the outset. Shirlin Ann Siddall beat Valda Lake 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 to continue her recent run of wins. She has

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lifted her ranking nearly 200 places with victories at Beckenham, Edgbaston and Eastbourne, and is now sitting pretty at 252. Not only that, but she has also received her first fan letter. Wimbledon can do that for a girl.

The men also had trouble living up to Jeremy Bates's trailblazing performance. Andrew Castle limped out of the tournament to Leonardo Lavalle, 6-4, 6-0, 7-6. He lost ten games in a row from 4-4 in the first set to put himself

within sight of defeat, and then lost an uninspired match with a double fault in the tie-break. It seemed to sum up the entire encounter.

Chris Bailey also found the opposition too hot to handle against Anders Jarryd, losing 6-4, 6-3, 6-0. The defending doubles champion was simply too good for the 24-year-old, showing too much mental and physical agility, breaking Bailey's service in the second set with a full-length diving volley. It may not be in the textbook but it certainly works.

When it comes to lessons, Sarah Bentley was given a masterclass by Max Joe Fernandez. Bentley entered the draw as the lowest ranked player only to draw the No. 7 seed, Fernandez might not be the most natural grasscourt player but she makes few mistakes.

Runners cleared to meet in trials

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW ORLEANS

THE International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) confirmed yesterday that it would waive the application of its "contamination" rule for the United States Olympic 400 metres trial here.

The decision freed from any risk of suspension the 31 athletes who otherwise might have jeopardised their status had they competed against Butch Reynolds, the banned world record holder.

On Saturday, a United States Supreme Court cleared Reynolds to run in the trial, leaving The Athletics Congress (TAC), the governing body for the sport in the United States, in the awkward position of being tied to two sets of lawmakers — the Supreme Court and the IAAF, which was issuing opposite directives.

TAC decided it would have to obey the US court and, on Sunday, the IAAF backed down from its earlier headline stance and said it would consider waiving the "contamination" rule, which says that anyone who knowingly competes against a suspended athlete is liable to suspension.

Those at risk included Steve Lewis, the Olympic champion, Antonio Pettigrew, the world champion, and Danny Everett, the indoor world record holder.

The IAAF said the rule was being waived for the New Orleans trials only and noted that the other qualifiers for the 400 metres had "publicly declared their support for the IAAF's position and demonstrated their complete willingness to follow IAAF rules". Only Reynolds and his brother, Jeff, voted to run regardless of the IAAF ruling.

The IAAF said it waived the rule to "protect the best interests of its athletes and their possibility to qualify for the Games". However, it insisted yesterday that its two-year suspension on Reynolds will stay and that he would not be eligible for the Olympics.

"Regardless of Reynolds's eventual placing in the trials, he will in no way be eligible to compete in the Olympics as this event takes place before his suspension period expires," an IAAF statement said.

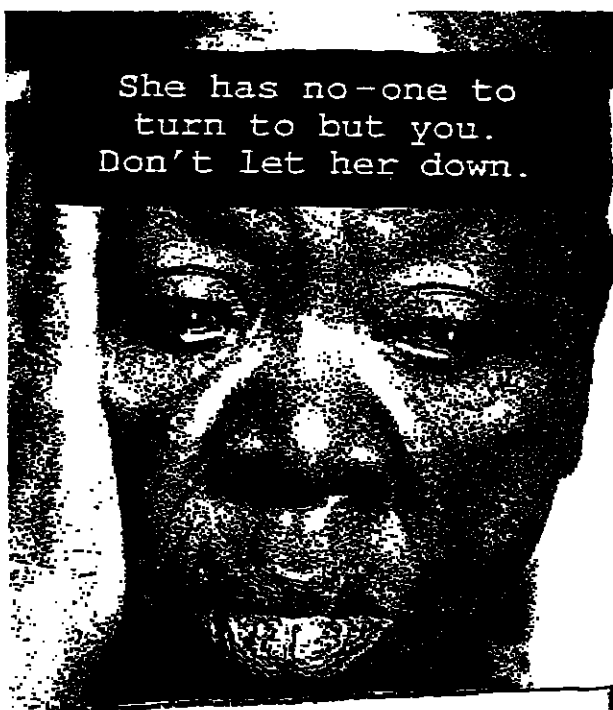
The IAAF also reaffirmed that it would consider Reynolds's "behaviour in this case" at its council meeting in Barcelona on July 30. The implication is that his two-year suspension may be lengthened.

Brad Hunt, the manager of Reynolds, said that the fight to compete in the Olympics would continue if the athlete qualified for the team by finishing in the first three of the final on Friday.

The United States Olympic Committee should feel obliged, Hunt said, to support the findings of TAC and the Supreme Court, both of which have ruled in favour of Reynolds, and, if necessary, be prepared to withdraw the United States team as a measure of support.

The IAAF and International Olympic Committee would then have to consider the implications the withdrawal may have on the \$400 million (about £220 million) NBC contract to televise the Olympics.

The first two rounds of the 400 metres were due to be held last night.



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Cash eagerly awaits meeting with old rival

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHN McEnroe and Pat Cash yesterday set up the men's singles tie that promises to set Wimbledon alight. The two former champions safely negotiated paths towards an eagerly-anticipated second round meeting tomorrow.

McEnroe does not doubt the threat posed by Cash, the 1987 champion. "He's still playing well — one of the best grass players in the world," McEnroe said after Cash had made a long-awaited return to centre court and beat Jacco Eltingh, of Holland, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6.

Cash was also looking forward to the match: "It's going

to be a great thrill playing him, perhaps on the centre court again — and it's one of those occasions when we don't know if we'll both be back next year."

Cash feels he has a chance of turning the tables on McEnroe after their last Wimbledon meeting eight years ago, when McEnroe was the victor.

Yesterday, McEnroe had the harder match, overcoming some early trouble with his serving and just managing to keep his temper in check on his way to defeating Luiz Mattar, of Brazil, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3. McEnroe became irritated at serving five double faults in the first set, including three in the game which

gave Mattar, a clay court specialist, the opening set, prompting him to bang his racket against the umpire's chair and then throw it to the ground in frustration.

But apart from a couple of glares at a line judge, there was no sign of a repeat of his recent tantrums in Paris.

McEnroe was, though, pleased with the way he played and even offered a rare smile as his serving improved to such an extent that he lost only four points on his delivery in his last eight games.

Cash also insisted he was surprised just how well he is playing, considering his lack of match practice — but, following up his superb performance at Queen's with the

disposal of the dangerous 21-year-old Eltingh, he smiled: "I hope I'll have a good game with John and give him a run for his money."

Cash, whose only problem was with a line machine which he was convinced was faulty, consistently played the big points better than his power-hitting opponent, breaking serve in the last games of the first two sets and then winning the third set tie-break 7-3.

Andre Agassi, the American who has replaced McEnroe and Cash as the favourite of the supporters, lost the first set of his match to Andrei Chesnokov but rallied to level before rain halted play last night.



Agassi: lost set

McEnroe maintains his magic and mystique



SIMON BARNES
AT WIMBLEDON

dropped from the next Test match?

A racehorse trainer once told me: "We're not talking about love of the game, we're talking about bloody mainlining, aren't we?" Addicted, yes, but to what? To the game? To conflict? To the emotional fray? To performance? No doubt it is the heady mixture of all these things. That, and a refusal to face reality.

A refusal to face reality and a desperate determination to cling to faded youth, to be the oldest teenager on the block,

are considered bad things in real life. In sport, they are virtues.

Botham, Connors and McEnroe have all won utterly impossible victories in their time. All have sought to repeat these miracles long after the years of miraculous youth had gone. And we have loved them for doing it.

"I cannot be totally dismissed for the title," McEnroe said. "Two or three guys might break a leg, another guy might get struck by lightning. In a deep corner of my mind, there is still a

tiny little person saying that I still have a chance."

We watch McEnroe looking for a bit of the old magic and, yesterday, it was there in fits and starts. We go in a light-hearted way, and with realistic expectations about McEnroe's serious chances, and so we are surprised that it all still matters so much. Every unforced error is a little death for him: now as ever.

McEnroe must be the best player I have seen. Not for his consistency or his style or his technique but for his ability to soar to dizzying heights of impossible brilliance. Tennis, above all games, rewards a player who can, at the moments of highest tension, play better than he has ever played in his life. McEnroe

had that ability more than any other.

Connors had it, too; so did Botham. Perhaps tennis still gives McEnroe the occasional reminder of that god-like sensation and, perhaps, that is what brings McEnroe back again and again. Being god-like must be addictive stuff, after all.

He will never truly know it again — wouldn't it be something to be proved wrong this fortnight? — but he is still here, fighting for lost causes, lost youth, lost glory, lost magic. McEnroe has waged about most things in his time. Now it is time to rage against the dying of the light.



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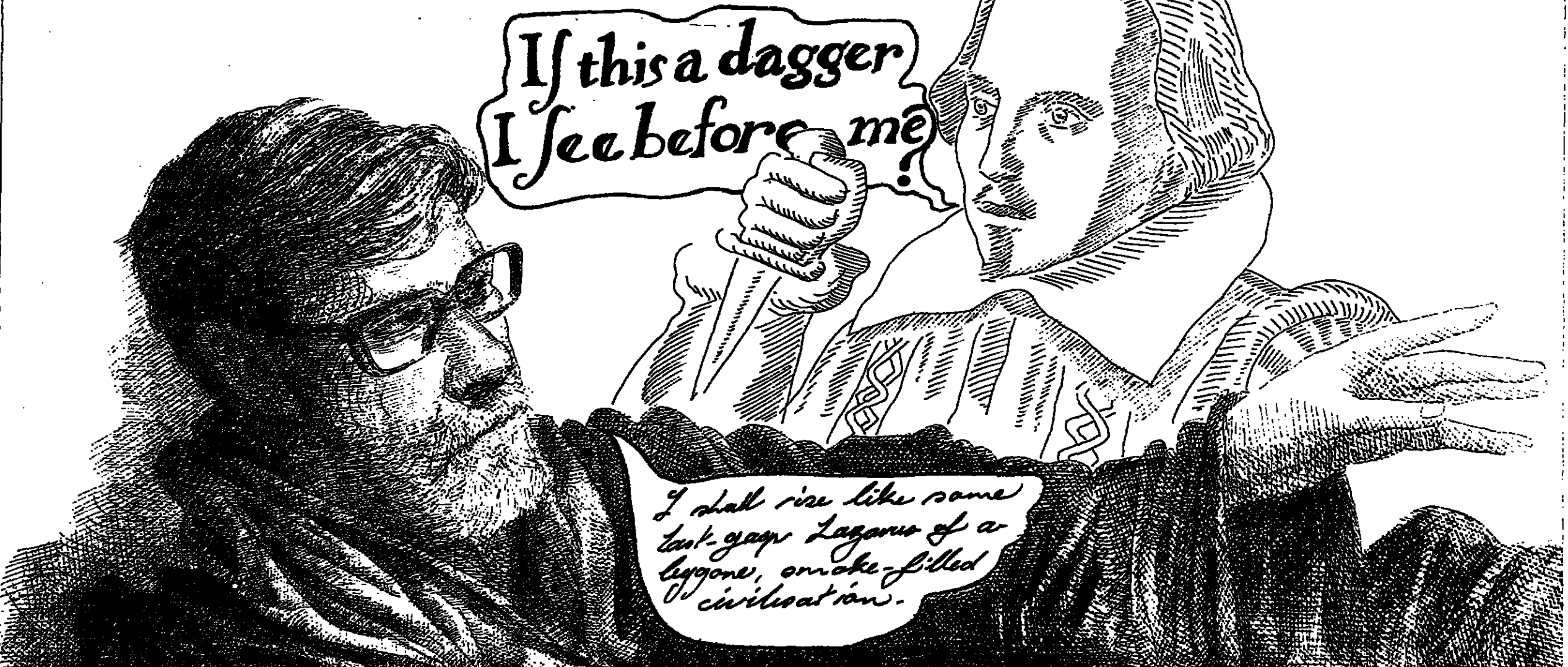
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Adrian George



Exit poetry, stage left

Why is the language of today's playwrights so earthbound?
Benedict Nightingale pleads for more flashes of inspiration

Enter Hamlet, grunting, in his denim jacket: "OK, it's time I had it out with myself. The bottom line is, should or shouldn't? Carry on, I mean, or do myself in. A bit of peace would be really, really nice, unless of course it turns out not to be peaceful after all. I mean, we'd all refuse to take the aggro if we weren't a bit frightened of — well, we're talking one-way tickets here, aren't we? So I suppose that's why we go on putting up with it all."

Thus does the language of Shakespeare dwindle into the language of any of a score of contemporary playwrights. And yet the last few weeks have conspired to remind us that verbal lift-off is still possible, despite some critics' complaints that "people never speak like that in real life". Christopher Fry's *Venus Observed*, now at Chichester, is in some ways an affected, irritating piece; but at least it aspires to poetry, and at least the poetry sparkles. John Osborne's *Dejávu*, in the West End, is less a play than a series of scattershot tirades; but the tirades often have exhilarating energy. Cannot others follow where these two have led? Cannot dramatic dialogue grow back the wings that once kept it airborne?

At the time of Aristotle, and for perhaps 2,300 years afterwards, the correct word for a playwright was "poet"; and with good reason. Not until Ibsen gave up composing *Peer Gynt*, and turned to his *Doll's Houses* and *Hedda Gabler*, did Europe produce a serious dramatist of major importance who was content to write exclusively in prose. True, what passed for stage poetry before then could be pretty deadly. Listen to the stately plod of Addison's *Cato*, so much admired in its day, and you will do well to stay awake. Inhale too much of Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound*, and other of the Romantics' gassy outpourings, and you may never wake again. Yet at least those poets, tragedians, dramatists, call them what you will, felt a responsibility to raise their dialogue above the paltry and mundane. In most contempo-

rary plays the language is as unregarded as the actors' feet, and a lot flatter too.

Earlier this century there were conscious attempts to restore poetry to a drama that was widely felt to have been hijacked by Shaw, Galsworthy and the drawing-room drones. In 1928 T.S. Eliot argued that realistic prose drama dealt with fundamentals, the ephemeral rather than the universal — "the human soul, in intense emotion, strives to express itself in verse". But after trying to follow his own advice in *Murder in the Cathedral* and *The Family Reunion*, he lost his nerve. It is a truism that *The Cocktail Party* and the other plays Eliot wrote after the war, though formally couched in verse, often sound as if they are beached on linguistic shingle. Instead of his elevating the West End, the West End sank him.

That was never the case with Fry, the other great poetic hope of the period. If he fell from fashion, it was mainly because his verbal Dresden seemed out of place in the kitchen sinks that soon began to engulf the serious stage. It was too decorative, too frivolous for so earnest an era, and even today comes across as mannered and fragile. Yet which of our contemporary plays could gaily fling about phrases like "spigoted, bigotted, operculated prig"? Or, again in *Venus Observed*, construct a 44-line sentence that embraces little flowers, death-watch beetles, rippling harps, jiggling clerics, dragons and Penge?

Enter Macbeth, sporan a-quiver: "What's this, then? A Swiss army knife seems to have appeared from nowhere."

Enter Lear in an electric wheelchair as the storm rumbles overhead: "The nastier the weather, the happier I am. The way I feel right

now, a force ten gale wouldn't be strong enough."

Lively verse drama is occasionally to be found today, but it invariably comes in the form of translation, adaptation or pastiche: Searus Heaney's version of Sophocles's *Philoctetes*, Tony Harrison's updating of *The Misanthrope*, David Hirston's slice of mock-Molière, *La Bête*. Few if any people still seriously believe in Eliot's dream of the corner of a cage with nowhere to hide from its tormenters. "Our own sordid, dreary, daily world suddenly illuminated and transfigured". That hardly seems a likely aspiration at a time when philosophy and language both conspire to suggest we are of the earth earthy and on the ground grounded.

Dip into Hansard, read the next circular from the local council, observe a television ad or television play, and it goes without saying that you will despair of rhythm, metaphor or anything conventionally associated with poetry. And inevitably the drama reflects the climate in which it finds itself, especially when its own horizons are as circumscribed as they have been in recent years. When authors are not anguishing over our society, they are nervously anatomising domestic relationships. What chance of poetry in a play about the male meno-

pause or the ills of Thatcherism? Compare Edward Bond's *Lear* with the play it strenuously tries to make modern and political, and you will see what I mean. Shakespeare's "poor naked wretches, wheresoe'er you are, that bid the pelting of this pitiless storm" shrinks into "Who shut than animal in a glass cage? Oh God, there's no pity in this world. You let it lick the blood from its hair in the corner of a cage with nowhere to hide from its tormenters." As a writer as ambitious as Bond aspires to be poetic, and becomes as clothed as that, what chance is there of rich language from (admirable as they are) an Alan Ayckbourn, a Simon Gray, a David Edgar, a Caryl Churchill, or a David Hare?

Yet maybe there is a chance. No literary critic would now automatically equate poetry with verse. Why should not dramatic poetry consist of intense, imaginative and idiosyncratic prose? To hear the dying tramp in Beckett's *That Time*, his words eddying like clear water in a breeze, is to hear a poet, but then the play is a ruminative monologue about human waste, not a naturalistic play about the need to improve the welfare services. The challenge facing our dramatists is, putting it no higher, to bring verbal inven-

tiveness and distinction to realistic situations.

There need be no contradiction in such an aim. All dramatic language, with the possible exception of dialogue improvised on the spot, is more artificial than any real-life conversation, with the possible exception of that spoken by Oscar Wilde at the Café Royal. Every playwright is therefore an editor, pruning the ums and ers, trimming the mumbles and fluffs. The result may be as luminous as sunlight, as in the plays of Shaw. It may be inartificially flicker, like the cur, brutish exchanges in Bond's *Savage*. It will seldom if ever be entirely authentic.

Certainly, it is pointless for a dramatist slavishly to try to mimic everyday speech. That will probably stunt and shrivel his play as much as around speechifying will empty it. The alternative is not between diction that flaunts itself and diction that is terminally thin and tinny. There are plenty of middle ways. Dramatic characters can seem perfectly real yet be verbally more than real. Poetry may not be naturalistic, but naturalism can become poetic.

That often happens, subtly and suggestively, in the plays of Pinter. When Ruth in *The Homecoming* wants to show why she prefers grubby London to arid America, she does not say, "It's too clean for my taste out there". She evokes her own and the continent's emotional emptiness far more eloquently: "It's all rock. And sand. It stretches so far... everywhere you look. And there's lots of insects there. And there's lots of insects there."

The same thing happens, as differently as may be imagined, in

Osborne's *Dejávu*: "If I am propped up on state pillows, being cathetised and patronised by some hell's angel of check-out mercy, young Nurse Noylene, I shall rise like some last-gasp Lazarus of a bygone smoke-filled civilisation; I shall rise from my bed of unheeding profligacy and if any frowning gauleiter breathes their concern or care over my fetid and exhausted form, or any smarmy dietician dares lay her menu of lower-middle-class mush, asking old Mr Porter what putrid filth he'd like to pass through his National Health denures for his dinner at noon; if any of these creeping refuse collectors should refer to me as a senior citizen, they will get one last almighty smack in their sanitised mealy smelling mouth."

Well, not every character or every author could reasonably be asked to match that. Yet there are possibilities even, perhaps especially, in slang, dialect and working-class argot. Dylan Thomas made Welsh English dance in *Under Milk Wood*, and in their various ways, Synge, O'Casey and Brendan Be-

han sent Irish English on a spree. Today, David Mamet is able to fashion a brash, brazen poetry from the American English of his native Chicago. The hustlers in *Glengarry Glen Ross* have definitively established him as the bard of streetwise barbarism.

Why should we not expect as much of that versatile tongue, English English? The vivid linguist need not be heroic, as once was assumed, or even eccentric, like Osborne's Jimmy Porter. If the petty crooks of Mamet's *American Buffalo* can seize and astonish the ear, why cannot our playwrights just occasionally find ways of making grocers and gravediggers, policemen and football hooligans, gleam, frolic, blaze or sing? The alternative is, after all, an endless sameness, dismal to contemplate.

Othello: "Gents all, I may as well admit it. I've gone and married the girl."

Macbeth: "On it goes. Lots of days and then you cash in your chips. Pretty meaningless, isn't it, when you come down to it."

TOMORROW
National Music Day:
gimmick or genuine
time to celebrate?

To hear the
dying tramp
in Beckett's
That Time,
his words
edding like
clear water in
a breeze, is to
hear a poet

I'm sorry, I'll apologise for that again

I saw a woman tackled by a security man in a high street the other day. To be more precise, I heard her. There was a scuffle and a slap-bang as she hit the road, and then a scream, "I'm so sorry! Please, I'm so sorry!" — at which point I looked around to see her, young and well dressed, bundled back into Marks & Spencer by a phalanx of strong arms attached to grim faces. The scene was electric — the culprit manhandled to her feet, the shocked onlookers, a plain-clothes store manager barking "Don't hurt her" — and was over in seconds. A routine apprehension of a shop-lifter, presumably, but it made all the hair on my arms stand on end. It was that shout of "I'm so sorry" that did it. "Not much point being sorry," I heard someone say, as the woman disappeared. Which seemed a bit hard, to me.

The thing is, people apologise a lot less than they ought to. It is as though saying sorry would cost them some vital bodily fluid; so they step on your toes and then glare at you instead. "Your ornament got broken," said the decorator the other week, manner-of-factly. He had been banging on a wall, you see, and the vibration had knocked the ornament into the bath, where it shattered. But although the word "sorry" was definitely in the room, I

SINGLE LIFE
Lynne Truss owns up,
and doesn't see why
other people don't



I did) forget all about the liability stuff, get out of the car and dance on the tarmac, flapping your hands and singing "sorry-sorry-sorry-sorry" to the amusement of the other driver, whose car is unscathed. Or do you take a deep breath and say "Silly place to put a roundabout?" I expect you are wondering what all this has to do with "single life". Me too. Except that I do seem to meet an increasing number of men

who don't apologise, and I feel better off without them. Erich Segal never wrote a bestseller about it, but being single means never having to hear someone not see why they are sorry. Which is nice. Perhaps my expectations are absurdly high, I don't know. But I used to have long-into-the-night debates with one chap, who staunchly upheld that if he did something to upset me *unintentionally* (lose my camera, for example) then apology was not appropriate.

"I was tired," was the nearest thing I got to an apology. Once, when he was an hour late meeting me (and I was worried), he said merely "I washed my jacket, and had to wait for it to dry". When someone says this to you, it is not only the word "sorry" that hangs about in the atmosphere, crackling and sending off blue sparks. Unresolved aggression bounces off the walls and carpet in the shape of goats and monkeys. Frustrated to the point of tears, I would sometimes argue that the great merit of apologising is that the apology can be accepted, and the whole thing forgotten. Somehow it is hard to accept "I washed my jacket, and had to wait for it to dry" with any show of grace. And as you may see, I still have not forgotten it.

The only time you see public

apology these days is in newspapers, when the threat of litigation (or the award of huge damages) forces them to say sorry — like small boys bog-marched to a neighbour's house and made to apologise for breaking a window. "Sorry," they mumble. "Louder please, and say it nicely." "Sorry." And you know they are really all pinched up inside about having to do it. No politician will ever apologise to the homeless or to other victims of the recession, because apology is perceived to have an exclusive white-flag function — it means *admit*, take the blame and be sued for millions and millions of pounds.

Whereas I have always taken apology to signify something else — an acknowledgement that, even unintentionally, you have caused somebody hurt. It is about *them*, not you. The woman who shouted "I'm so sorry" outside Marks & Spencer obviously had something to be sorry about, but I admire her nevertheless, because she might equally have shouted "Fancy leaving all this stuff lying about, it's asking for trouble!" or "I am positively depressed!" instead. If everyone took the line that either a) I meant to do it so I am not sorry, or b) I didn't mean to do it, so why the hell should I be sorry, the world will surely be a sorrier place.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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The Sound of Music
Sadler's Wells

I ONCE met a woman who had seen the movie *The Sound of Music* 126 times. Quite why, she could not say. Was it all those ultra-clean mites? Maybe. Was it Julie Andrews, exuding girl-scout health and gamine charm as Maria Rainer? Perhaps. Was it the nuns, or the hills, or the hummable tunes? "I think it was everything," she decided, looking out of her window at the grimy Manchester terrace-houses across the street and the sky, which was a sort of intestinal mauve-grey.

Well, there are days when most of us would like to go to *The Sound of Music* at least 1/126th as often. The programme at Sadler's Wells may not demonstrate a lot of respect for its audience's intelligence, describing (as it does) the plot in the kind of plodding detail that is useful when we are seeing Expressionist plays in Hungarian, but less so when Rodgers and Hammerstein are straightforward on song. Nevertheless, it catches that unsophisticated feel, that guilelessness which is, as it happens, one of the show's main strengths.

"We meet Maria, a young postulant whose vocation is at odds with her lively spirit and passion for music and nature... governess to the children of a widowed naval hero... she confronts Captain von Trapp and teaches his children to sing soon after gaining their confidence and affection... realises she is in love with him... married at the abbey... Nazis... decide to flee Austria... Festival of Song... first prize... narrowly avoid discovery... freedom across the border."

How refreshing it all is. The nuns are not demanding to be sent to Nicaragua or to be allowed to become priests. Adolescent angst vanishes at a couple of twangs from a guitar. Children want only to sing and be loved. Good and evil come quite literally in whites and blacks, since the former is the colour of the bridal gown Maria wears and the latter that of the leather gloves worn by the pock-marked *gauleiter* who grows "zese are not times for joking." The heroine explains her love with "I don't think first of myself. I think first of him" and



"Tea, a drink with jam and bread": Maria (Liz Robertson) with her "ultra-clean" von Trapp children

expresses it with "whatever you decide will be my decision." They just don't make worlds like that any more.

Wendy Toye's revival follows the same actors *King and I* into Sadler's Wells (Rodgers and Hammerstein certainly had a thing about governesses) and will doubtless prove as successful. The acting is not especially remarkable. The smiles of Liz Robertson's Maria do not crack, but still show the stress of being so relentlessly nice for so long. Christopher Cazenove's head has a curious tendency to wag, switch and slightly roll, which would surely cause havoc to morale on the bridge during a sea battle. At any rate, his tense, troubled von Trapp some-

times seems less the commanding naval hero, more a chap suffering from shellshock: less the romantic protagonist than a hint of superior plume but nervous disposition.

Still, does it matter, given the lavish sets, the dancing tunes, the major-key melodies, the upbeat story? Why, even Linda Hibberd's busy Mother Abbess turns twice and a touch heretical, confuting not merely that we should follow every rainbow in order to fulfil our dreams, but that her favourite things are cream-coloured ponies and schnitzed wood. I haven't had a happier holiday from reality in ages.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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THEATRE
Life is simply awful

Light in the Village
Antic, Wimbledon

THE little theatre in Wimbledon Broadway has moved to a disused ballroom, from its original eyrie, but is no less enterprising for these apparent aspirations to gentility. *Light in the Village* is by John Clifford, best known for the whimsical free-wheeling in a semi-historical setting of *Losing Venice*. The present play, first done at the Edinburgh Traverse, Clifford's home theatre, is his response to contemporary problems, in particular an imaginative attempt to hear the rural poor of the Indian sub-continent in their daily battle against poverty and injustice.

The five players move between direct narration and assuming characters: the landlord, the simple peasant, his wife, and an old woman, Sandra Clark doubles the latter role with the goddess Kali, recounting the story of creation in broad Scots. The picture is simple, almost simplistic. Poor little Muntu has been swindled out of his patch of earth by the landlord; he and his wife Sita long for a child whose lack is Muntu's fault. Muntu seeks advice from a lawyer.

The slightly cosy atmosphere is braced by genuinely intriguing characterisation. The landlord laments the passing of old graces. His nostalgia paints a very different past ("each day was the occasion for a song") from that remembered by the peasants. Christopher Scott brings out the man's ambiguity: reactionary, blandly well-meaning, would-be paternalistic.

MARTIN HOYLE

A COGENTLY argued piece, *No Respite* is lucidly presented by Yolande Smith's group, Dance Quorum. It equates social conflicts with games of competition, astutely introducing and developing these metaphors to make their meaning clear. But whether you actually like the piece depends on whether you take to Smith's distinctive means and mannerisms, as unservingly deployed by her over the years.

She has long paraded a taste for bizarre props and for incorporating them into the fabric of the choreography. Here, an ornate chair of Cubist dials and heeled angles worthy of Georges Braque stands in one corner: a vantage point for individuals breaking away from the infernal

Listen to the action

Le Coq d'Or
Barbican Hall

TO DEPLORE Rimsky-Korsakov's operas as undramatic as some authorities have traditionally done - is to miss the point.

Judged by the standard criteria of dramatic momentum and characterisation *The Golden Cockerel* might indeed be found wanting. But as the superb concert performance on Sunday night by the London Symphony Orchestra under Mstislav Rostropovich amply demonstrated, this is a score of astonishing invention which can hold the attention from first to last. Rimsky's intention here was not to create a searching psychological drama but to weave a fantasy - albeit one with a satirical edge.

Rostropovich has an unerring instinct for musical portrayals of the grotesque and ludicrous. The feel of the scene in which the absurd autocrat King Dodon dances wildly in ridiculous attire was captured to perfection in the ungainly rhythms and scornful sprawling figures in the violas. The satirical element was built to a devastating climax in the third act with the empty pomp of the royal procession.

But even without the irony, this is a score whose sheer virtuosity provides plenty to marvel at. The love music of the middle act (which can be seen as nicely offsetting the more public outer acts) more than hints at the legacy of Wagner, with its lascivious clarinet and rapturous horns as the Queen of Shemak seduces King Dodon. But

BARRY MILLINGTON

DANCE
True to her own style

No Respite
ICA

human triangle depicted. Another bizarre item of furniture, an all-in-one table and chairs, provides the site for card games of escalating ferocity. Most quirky of all are the wooden platform shoes Smith and the two other performers wear in the opening section. These clatter and clack like deafening foot-boom castanets.

Another Smith trait is her way of constructing choreographic edifices

that later expands into wide sweeping combats with hell-for-leather rushes and wrestling holds.

Nobody can deny the danger and energy of those sequences, yet the impetus says. More like performance art than dance, with its emphasis on visual materials, sound effects and theatre forms. Smith's work nonetheless reserves a great deal of space for choreography.

For this piece, the choreography was devised collaboratively, but it still lacks variety and graphic shape. Smith needs to find a strong and secure vocabulary; that, for me, is the crucial missing ingredient.

NADINE MEISNER

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Scotland's braver tunes of glory

New music has captured the ear of the Scottish public, so why not south of the border? Richard Morrison investigates

Though scarcely noticed south of Carlisle, something remarkable is happening in Scottish music-making. Serious composers have become popular heroes. Ancient songs in an ancient language have been revived with zest, and perceived as expressing the deepest feelings of modern Scotland.

Music in schools has been galvanised, not by some curriculum laboriously cobbled together (such as England is bickering its way towards) but primarily by the brilliantly obvious device of giving many Scottish children significant contact with professional performers and composers.

Remote highland and island communities are sustaining a richer musical life than some London suburbs.

This rebirth has been accomplished within a decade. And if England were to take proper notice, Scotland's experience could be a blueprint for the whole country. How did it start?

One man's vision played a large part. In 1984 Ian Ritchie, a Cambridge graduate with a background in contemporary-music publishing, was appointed manager of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. At the time, orchestras were playing safe, attempting to survive the effects of recession. How times don't change.

Ritchie, however, refused to be circumscribed. "I had the simplest thought, but it took time to sink in. It was 'without composers, there's no music'." Resolving to "put the living composer back in the centre of musical life", he invited Peter Maxwell Davies to be the SCO's associate composer/conductor. Maxwell Davies accepted, and promptly announced that he would be writing no fewer than ten concertos for the orchestra's principal players.

In itself such a collaboration was exceptional. But the revolution was to come. When Strathclyde Regional Council agreed to help pay for the concertos, the idea of an educational project attached to each premiere was born. Each concerto would be "adopted" by a different area of the region, and children would devise their own compositions (based on some aspect of Maxwell Davies' piece) in advance of the premiere.

Maxwell Davies did not have the time to work for eight-week periods in Strathclyde schools, so Ritchie decided also to involve young Scottish composers. They would devise the musical framework within which the children's compositions would be placed.

With six concertos now premiered the scheme has had acclaim on all sides. "The effect," says Ritchie, "is summarised by one child's remark after a premiere: 'the Max was great but the Schubert was boring'. That reminded us of our broader task: breaking down the barriers to appreciating all musical styles."

The Strathclyde Concertos have had other important effects. The SCO has taken on many other community projects: 50 a year now. And strong links have been forged with young composers, not only through the Strathclyde projects (which brought the likes of James MacMillan and William Sweeney to attention), but also because SCO players now regularly try out student composers' efforts (and offer "rigorous critiques" of the workmanship) at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and at Maxwell Davies's Hoy Composers Course.

"I hope we are re-establishing that vital triangular relationship between composers, performers and public," says Ritchie. That was a relationship which, in the "total serialism" post-war era, some feared was gone forever. The SCO's achievement was recognised last November, when it won the £100,000 Prudential Award for the Arts.

Not surprisingly, Scotland now boasts an outstanding crop of composers. What do they have in common? They are often robustly left-wing, both in their anti-elitist desire for community involvement and their choice of subject matter.

Most of them, in MacMillan's words, are also "plugging in to some deep traditional roots" (as are several Scottish rock bands). Sweeney, for instance, has not only set Gaelic texts, but also derived extraordinary vocal works from the weird sounds of Gaelic psalm-singing. Judith Weir based her opera, *The Travelling Bridge*, on Gaelic folk-tales. But what chiefly unites such



Among the contemporary musical glories of Scotland: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (left), Judith Weir and James MacMillan

disparate souls as the passionate, religious MacMillan and the quirky, irreverent Weir is their detestation of the cerebral modernism that has dominated new music for so long. Fairly or unfairly, Scots associate it with the "London new music mafia"; MacMillan has lambasted what he calls the "English pastoral avant-garde tendency". Scottish composers not only want an audience; they also want the audience to understand them.

Of course, there is a whiff of Scottish propaganda about all this. There are, for instance, plenty of passionate, leftist, anti-modernist English composers. Mark-Anthony Turnage, composer of *Greek*, is one obvious parallel with MacMillan. And as Ritchie says, it was the London Sinfonietta that pioneered liaisons with schools. Most big English orchestras also take educa-

tional work seriously — though England suffers from the absence of "community spirit" and from its big population. Orchestras can only establish real contact with a tiny percentage of schools. Tokenism creeps in.

Or should one forget the musical problems Scotland still must solve. Scottish Opera lurches along, never without money troubles. The Royal Scottish Orchestra has an execrable player-management relationship. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra has been deprived from the accountant's axe three times.

More dangerous even than these institutional uncertainties is an underlying resentment in Scottish cultural life. Resentment that so many artistic institutions in Scot-

land are run by the English; and that despite a surge of Scottish rock successes (*Simple Minds*, *Wet Wet Wet*, and *Deacon Blue*) there is no Scottish record label big enough to handle them. "A lot of the profits from Scottish creative projects end up in English limbo," says Ritchie.

This resentment has led to a kind of artistic protectionism. Scottish culture is upheld as something to be cherished, but also cordoned off. Underlying the proposed National Gallery of Scottish Art, for instance, is the limiting hypothesis that a single nationalistic strand of art history gains from being presented in ghetto-like isolation.

The mood has spread to Scottish musicology. John Purser's weighty tome, *Scotland's Music* (recently published by Mainstream) is a marvellous survey of Scottish sounds from 800 BC onwards (the Scots are

a hardy people). But its rampant chauvinist tone sometimes obscures the fact that musicians in Scotland, as in every European country, were subject to innumerable cross-currents of international fashion. To separate out what is "Scottish" is a complex, and questionable, task.

Luckily, others recognise the dangers of cultural nationalism. "Please don't write about us in 'Tartan army' terms," Ian Ritchie told me. "That is the opposite of our aims." His deeds bear out his words. As the current chairman of the Association of British Orchestras, he is spreading his SCO style further afield. Next year a new Maxwell Davies work will be used, Strathclyde Concerto fashion, as the basis for educational projects by 14 top British orchestras simultaneously. Perhaps the good news from the north has got through after all.

ARTS BRIEF

Going for Goehr

AS PART of Britain's contribution to Expo '92, Alexander Goehr's *The Death of Moses* will have its premiere in Seville Cathedral on July 31, with a London prom performance two nights later. Both performances will take place shortly before the composer's 60th birthday. Designed "to recreate in contemporary terms the sound world of Monteverdi", it is a 50-minute choral work for the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra conducted by John Eliot Gardiner, with two solo counter-tenors, Michael Chance and Nigel Robson. It was commissioned by the John S. Cohen Foundation.

Square dancing

ROSALIND SAVILL is to succeed John Ingham as director of what some people believe is the most exquisite of London's museums, the Wallace Collection in Manchester Square, W1. Savill, who is 41, joined the staff in 1974 as a museum assistant and was appointed Ingham's assistant four years later. She takes over in November when Ingham leaves the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art in Bloomsbury Square, WC1.

Paolozzi in Paris

A FILM about the Scottish-Irish sculptor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi has been awarded the Rodin Prize at the third "Films on Art" biennale at the Pompidou Centre in Paris. EP Sculptor was made for Channel 4 by Scottish film-makers Barbara and Murray Gray.

Last chance...

JOAN ARMATRADING has forged a 20-year career out of songs dwelling almost exclusively on the constantly crumbling foundations of love. But along with the usual quota of ballads she tries her hand at some highly danceable grooves on her current album, the estimable *Square the Circle*. She remains an unflashy performer who dominates an audience with the stark emotion of her music rather than by force of personality. Her British tour ends with dates at the Apollo, Oxford (0855 245441) tonight, Brighton Dome (0273 674387) tomorrow, Hammersmith, Odeon, London W6 (081-748 4081) on Friday.

THEATRE: ISTANBUL FESTIVAL

Transports of Turkish delight



Plucky endurance in the face of setbacks: Genco Erkal as the Cloud in *Cloud in Love*

In only one city in the world may an audience watch the first part of a play in one continent and the second part in the continent next door. Istanbul is the place, where the old city and theatre district stand on the eastern edge of Europe, looking across the Bosphorus to villas and suburbs stretching away to the far foot-hills of Asia Minor. Most Istanbul productions do conclude in the continent where they begin, and Perded (*Curtain Man*) started and ended on the quayside at Ortaköy, an irregular square of shops and restaurants beside the Bosphorus Bridge. But most of its intervening scenes were performed in the narrow central aisle of a ferry boat as it zig-zagged up the Straits, and the remaining scenes were played in dumb-show on the quaysides of the small seaports that the boat steamed slowly past.

The "curtain man" of the title is Muhsin Erzurumlu, actor, director, founder of theatre schools and translator of all Shakespeare's plays into Turkish. This is his centenary year and by staging his achieve-

ments on a boat, Istanbul's 4th Theatre Festival celebrated his memory in the most agreeable manner. Turkish speakers could applaud the crucial incidents in his life performed in the aisle by AÇOK (Anatolian Children's Theatre Group); visitors ignorant of the language admired the ingenuity and gazed through the windows at the antics on the quays.

Two of the non-Turkish participants in the festival have visited Britain for the London International Festival of Theatre: the Rustaveli from Georgia and Alexandru Dărie's rope-swinging *Midsummer Night's Dream* from Bucharest. Any one of the three major Turkish productions I attended would be worth inviting over here, and two of them showed such originality in design, music and staging that they could prove a potent influence.

At the Yildiz Palace Theatre, a turquoise and gilt rectangle (smaller than the Old Vic lobby) built for Sultan Abdul Hamid II, Mustafa Akvran directed the Istanbul State Theatre in the *Orestia*. He pressed all three parts into two and a half hours and still had time for a prologue showing Agamemnon's sacrifice of his daughter, Iphigenia. This is the crime that sets off the terrible machine of vengeance, and again and again the cast

echo the gestures of the betrayal in the savagery that follows. The crimson cloak of Clytemnestra (Ülkü Duru, electrifying) is lined with the net that will trap her husband. After Ugur Polat's Orestes (also excellent) has killed her, on stage and kissing her at the close, the avenging Furies claw at him with bloody hands also draped in nets. And when Athena, unfortunately turned, outwits the Furies, they stand trapped in a light patterned again with nets.

A vikar departs from Aeschylus in leaving the Furies resentful and unappeased. In a country where the guide book disconcerts the browser by listing the telephone code for Troy, old passions do not disappear just because a new ruler in a cooking-foil helmet wants them to. Merih Atalay's amazing music is integral to the production: sighing, clanking, roaring; bursts of sound that raise the hairs on your neck. Tremendous music also fills the Taksim Theatre for Sevdalı Bulut (*Cloud in Love*), where the stage can be imagined as one vast percussion set. The instruments are oil drums, bashed, smashed together, rolled around (with actors inside) or piled into towers and toppled. The wandering, story-line, linking poems by the formerly banned

communist poet Nazim Hikmet, tells of a beautiful girl and her garden, menaced by a rich villain and a thistle, saved by a hare, a pigeon and an enormous cloud.

Surreal images call for unconventional staging, and Mehmet Ulusoy's direction for the Doğlar Tiyatrosu company dazzled the senses with the quick changes of an athletic cast, ferocious insect masks put together from carving knives and drills, and such lovely moments as the cloud's transformation into a heart, done as a playful painting lesson with shadow puppets. The Cloud/Poet emerges as a figure of plucky endurance, unsurprised by setbacks, in the performance of Genco Erkal, actor-manager of this private, i.e. subsidised and commercial, company.

The Ancient Greek legend of Alceus distantly inspires Deli Dürüm (*Dumrul the Fool*), dramatised by Güler Dillmen from a popular Anatolian folk tale. Dumrul will be saved from death if he can find someone to take his place. His old mum drops dead from shock when asked to volunteer, so his wife offers herself. This production, too, is staged (by Yücel Ertan) with an exuberant mix of styles, where Death falls victims with a slash from his whirling cloak, and a thousand-year-old man is represented by one actor on the shoulders of another — who comically echoes his quavering voice. Performed on the proscenium stage of the Taksim, the production would probably look even better in its original form in the round.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Watching with the neighbours

When did John Major or Neil Kinnock last pop by to empty your dustbin? Or, to put it another way, why do we bother so much with the daily bickering of the club at Westminster when the real fight is on our doorstep?

The question crossed my mind more than once during last night's second episode of *Town Hall*, BBC 2's splendid documentary series about Lewisham council, which takes the viewer deep into the low-tech engine room of local government.

After a fortnight in which British citizens had been told that their future lay in the hands of Danish and Irish voters, here finally was some real politics fought by amateurs and professionals on the savage terrain of immediate, local accountability. Policies, after all, are harder to implement when the victims and beneficiaries live next door.

This week, the council faced a cash crisis which meant cutting £10 million from the education budget and the eventual loss of more than a hun-

dred teaching posts. Heads and parents were less than thrilled, campaigning with vigour in public and in private against measures which the leadership regarded as a regrettable necessity.

The cut-and-thrust of local politics is always fun to watch, as the re-run of *GBH* has confirmed, and the battle over school budgets produced classic political alignments. At the centre of the row was the leader, Steve Bullock, a no-nonsense, get-the-job-done pragmatist, angry that his officials were being obstructed by political trespassers.

At one stage, standing in front of a sticker bearing the legend, "Lewisham — Your Council — Working with the Community", he refused to see a group of playcentre parents

occupying the local library. "Why should I?" he muttered down the phone. "I think that's blackmail. I'm not prepared to accede to it."

Things really have come to a sorry pass when playcentre parents become blackmailers. Yet one had to sympathise with Bullock, who clearly felt betrayed by his chair of education, Councillor Jim Mallory. Working with schools for too long, the equally embattled Chairman Jim appeared to have gone native; he had lost sight of the council mission and was too often playing to the gallery.

So, trouble was brewing, aggravated by the daft interventions of the seriously old-fashioned left, who seemed con-

cerned only with procedures and ways of preventing action of any kind. The film captured this deftly, using a nervy editing style to reflect the mixture of the humdrum and the passionate which characterises local politics.

Town Hall is the best kind of fly-on-the-wall, breathing life into an under-explored subject: a bold venture after 13 years in which local government has been demonised routinely as the source of all our woes. Yet the series also illustrates the essential limitation of that genre: the camera may not lie, but it can never be neutral.

As the programme wore on, Chairman Jim confessed he was finding its presence increasingly unsettling. And as an angry mob of locals stood outside the town hall demanding entry, one realised that their attention had moved away from the police, and away from the councillors. It was the camera they were chanting to.

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

CLASSICAL MUSIC

High summer and high Romantics

On the eve of the summer solstice, 'twas almost fair time in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Honor Blackman cast her leathers aside for dress more worthy of the Fairy Queen; Freddie Jones prepared his larynx for Oberon and then all the Mechanicals in succession; and Tamás Vásáry raised his baton to conjure forth Mendelssohn's four enchanted chords. The Bournemouth Sinfonietta's *Midsummer Night's Dream* was about to begin.

Vásáry had the idea to commission a scissors-and-paste Shakespeare script from Felicity Hayes-McCoy as an excuse for performing Mendelssohn's incidental music. Apart from the familiar suite of self-contained tableaux, such as the Nocturne, Wedding March and Scherzo, there are fragments, phrases and bars of sidling link music for voice-overs which make pretty accompaniments to the text, catapulting it instantly into the world of high Romantic Faerie.

While the Bournemouth Sinfonietta conscientiously and vigorously took care of these transformations, still



Freddie Jones versatile

more wonderful metamorphoses were achieved by Freddie Jones. With nothing but evening dress and a book of words, he became Lysander, Demetrius, Oberon and a Bottom whose "I know a bank" and "dream" speech transported the listener to the heart of the wood near Athens.

Blackman remained Blackman, temporarily disguised in the Athenian weeds of Hermia and Helena, and rather less at home as a calculatedly rustic Puck who seemed more often

to be on the flight path from Wisconsin than Warwickshire. The *Highcliffe Junior Choir*, a band of strong, girlish voices in shirt and tie, were on hand to provide a rousel and a fairy song; their "spotted snakes with double tongue" was joined by soloists Rebecca Evans and Diane Atherton.

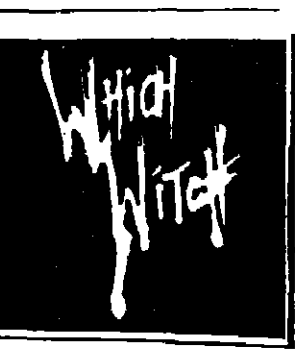
The longest day of the year itself provided one of the longer evenings of the current London Opera Festival, in a recital of *Pavarotti Competition Finalists* at the Purcell Room. Rather less grand and rather more worthy than its name, this competition is more properly described as a long series of auditions followed by a shared showcase performance, at the Philadelphia Opera.

Out of the 120 finalists, as many as 40 may eventually "win" when the final day of judgement comes. For the time being, though, only one of the latest crop could be found to perform in London. Daniel Sumegi, a bass of huge presence, cavernous voice and only burgeoning interpretative artistry, provided heavy cannon-shot for *The Barber of Seville's* "calunnia" aria, cun-

jured a real vision of terror through stamina alone as Verdi's Macbeth, and showed in Gremm's aria from *Eugene Onegin* how well the tins and timbres of his voice will one day suit him for the Russian repertoire.

As the other finalist scheduled to come to London, Katalin Szendrenyi, was indisposed, Sarah Pring and Fiona James filled the gaps. James's ripe yet agile mezzo, as Cherubino and in "Deh per questo" from *La Cenerentola*, promised much for her forthcoming performances at Buxton as Nerio (*Agrippina*) and her Rosina (*The Barber of Seville*) for Welsh National Opera.

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Dodgem at the end of Eurotunnel?

Josephine Akrill reports on the dreams of Jean-Paul Favand, a great Paris collector of swings and merry-go-rounds

Approchez, approchez, mes dames et messieurs! Don't miss the incredible Miss Gorille! Young, blonde and beautiful, she transforms herself before your eyes into a raging gorilla!

The Foire du Trône, Europe's oldest travelling funfair, is back in Paris, installed, as every year, in the Bois de Vincennes, and quite unperturbed by the arrival of Monsieur Walt Disney in nearby Marne-la-Vallée.

Between the Train Fantôme and the Roi de la Frite, a café serving up *andouillettes* and *tarte tatin*, a showman advertises his star attraction, Felix the Phenomenal Pig, who "possesses the curious feature of having one head and two bodies."

Nearby, eager clients queue up to visit Miss Betty the Incomplete Woman and Nathalie the True Egyptian Mermaid.

A few arrondissements away, in the southern Parisian suburb of Gentilly, one man is aiming to preserve the rich heritage of the travelling fairs.

Push the door of a brick warehouse and you find yourself in a fairytale world. Row upon row of proud wooden horses with bared teeth and flaring nostrils stand ready to prance into action at the merest tinkle of a barrel-organ.

Graceful 19th-century swingboats decorated with watery Venetian scenes and Symbolist nymphs call out to be swung, whilst a huge wooden statue of Marianne, bare-breasted and Phrygian-bonneted, urges the invisible crowds to roll up, roll up to the fair.

The owner of the milk-white steeds is a softly-spoken man in his mid-forties, with gently greying hair tied back in a ponytail. Jean-Paul Favand, Parisian lawyer turned

antique dealer, and self-styled *montreur de curiosités* with a passion for the art of the fairground, has been assembling a vast private collection of roundabouts, waxworks and shooting-galleries for 20 years. The Americans have 15, but France, laments Favand, still has no museum dedicated solely to the arts of the travelling fairs, which he describes as "the secular cathedrals of modern times".

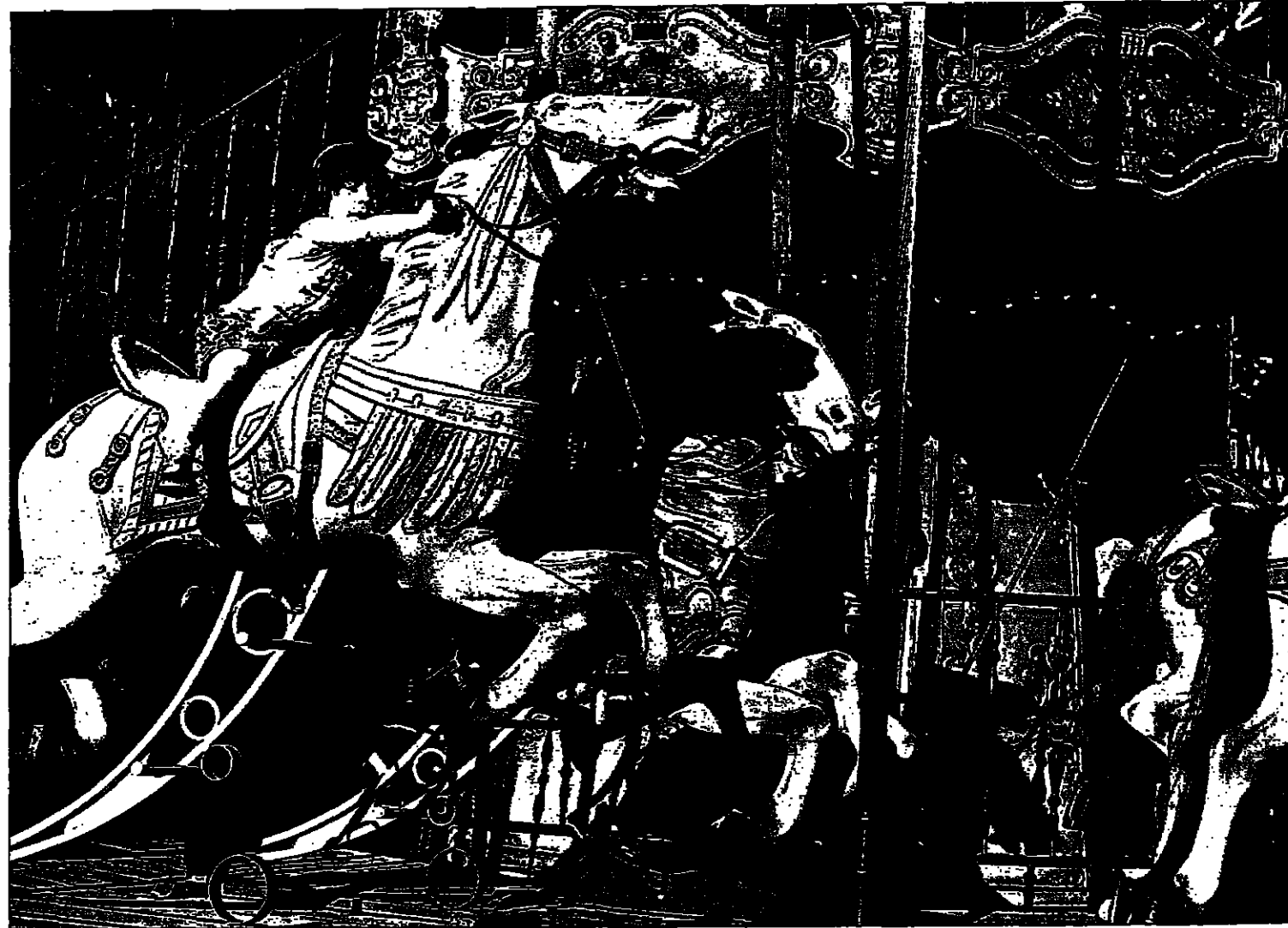
For artist Marie Binder, who has worked as part of Favand's 16-strong team of restorers for eight years, the 19th-century fair was a vision of human life in miniature.

"Take this merry-go-round," she says, as she repaints its faded panels with 18th-century pastoral scenes where Marie-Antoinette alternates with milkmaids. "Is circular motion is that of life, and the human passengers ride on animals, themselves part of the life cycle."

The roundabouts were painted with idyllic scenes, all part of the fair's illusion of joy and innocence, and starkly contrasted with its grotesquer side: the hideous wax museums displaying huge livid models of diseased genitals and tuberculous-ravaged lungs, and the sideshows of pathetic human freaks.

The popular art of the fairgrounds mirrors the "serious" art forms of the times — an 1880s merry-go-round sports plump Baroque cherubs, a turn-of-the-century sideshow has Art Nouveau trelliswork in the same "Nouille" (or noodle) style as the Parisian Metro stations, while a 1920s roundabout is pure Art Deco, perfectly in line with the Decorative Arts Exhibition of 1925.

When La Goulue, Toulouse-Lautrec's blonde Alsacienne dancer, became too poorly to cancan at the Moulin Rouge, Lautrec himself



The fun of the fair in the Bois de Vincennes: the children on the galloping horses don't know they are taking part in a medieval game

decorated her side-show at the Foire du Trône where she set up as a belly-dancer.

A walk around Favand's collection gives the visitor a sideways glance at the social history of the last two centuries. Roundabout animals evolved from ducks, geese and cows (satisfying the new city-dwellers' nostalgia for the countryside they had left behind them), to Empire-inspired giraffes, zebras and ostriches, without forgetting Sylvester, Twenty Pie and the comic-strip

brigade, who bring up the chronological rear.

The roundabouts acquired their first bicycles in 1848. In 1900 the motor car appeared on the scene, and in 1905 it was ascribed faithful miniature copies of the first aeroplanes that the revelers turned in giddy circles. "But English roundabouts go in the opposite direction to those of other European countries," says Favand with a twinkle in his eye. He would like to see his collection in a living museum at the

French end of the Channel Tunnel: "The people of the fairs were travellers and true Europeans."

Back at the Foire du Trône, wide-eyed children cling to the poles of their galloping wooden horses, unaware that they are taking part in a ritual that has its origins in the medieval *jeu de bagues*, where mounted contestants aimed to spear a ring on the point of their swords. "When faced with the monotonous, standardised culture of EuroDisney," says Favand, "it would

be pitiful to forget our own, immensely rich festive culture."

But there is little danger of that, according to the veterans of the Foire du Trône. "They'll go to Disneyland once," smiles Yvette, patronne of the Roi de la Frite. "But they'll soon be back here. French people love their liberty too much for that prepackaged stuff. Here they can have a quick arm-wrestle, a ride on the dodgems, and a glass of wine — and all on the way home from work!"

THEATRE: PARIS

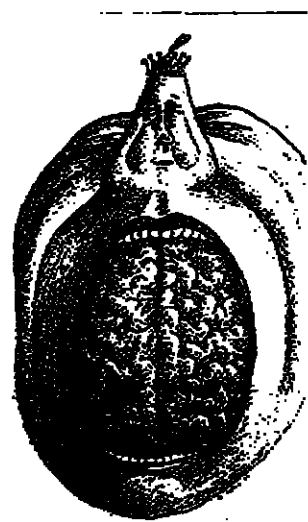
Monstrous good fun

First staged in Paris almost a century ago, Alfred Jarry's proto-surrealist farce *Ubu Roi* has always been a great favourite of directors in France. The latest to enter the Ubu sweepstakes is the illustrator and author Roland Topor, known for his scatological subjects.

Topor's sets at the Théâtre Chaillost are three-dimensional cartoons blown up to breath-taking size. The curtain rises on Mère and Père Ubu, onstage with two giant replicas of snoring heads that recall *Alice in Wonderland*. Topor has illustrated children's books by Charles Perrault and the Brothers Grimm; his strong, linear draughtsmanship suggests reality at the same time as the dream-like quality of the impossible images points to surrealist influences. We see a huge mechanical doll with her legs splayed, mercifully not towards the audience, who mechanically jerks her head backwards in ecstasy, and a drop curtain lit by flashing red lights that point to isolated surrealist objects such as an eye or a nose. All of this fantasy adds up to a free-wheeling and light-hearted spectacle.

It is this quality of happiness that distinguishes Topor's version of *Ubu* most radically from recent predecessors. Satire, and often fairly grim satire, has been the byword of most modern productions of *Ubu*. Topor, however, sees the play as "functioning like a nuclear power station... or a portable battery for reading the newspaper with".

Not the least of the pleasures



Ubu as seen (and drawn) by director Roland Topor

in this joyous *Ubu* is that we get to see a very great actor in the title role. The Polish actor Wojtek Pszoniak has had a long and distinguished career. Yet little could have prepared the French theatregoer for the great performance he gives as Père Ubu. In whiteface with a tiny bowler hat like a music hall comedian, Pszoniak carries Jarry's universe around with him in a way that would have surely delighted the author. This gifted player makes Ubu's famous cry of "Merdre!" into a personal response by the very-much-alive Père Ubu. Whether rolling on the ground in fear for his life, or capably plotting the assassination of King Wenceslas, this Ubu is unforgettable.

Pszoniak is ably seconded by the film actress Catherine Jacob as Mère Ubu. Jacob also strives for a realistic portrayal, as if finding the domestic reality of a woman who might actually have to spend her time with Père Ubu. François Macherey as Captain Bordure is also outstanding. As skinny as the great German comic Karl Valentin, this actor manages to convey a certain sense of danger and humour simply in the fact of being skeletally thin.

The delights of the Chaillost production were not only visual. Given the shrieks and wails in most stagings of the play, the score by Reinhardt Wagner was a witty surprise. The musicians were given amusing numbers, including a pleasing parody of the Chopin *Military Polonaise*, which was accompanied by a humming King Wenceslas offstage. Everywhere one had the impression of Topor as director and designer enjoying himself hugely, and giving his collaborators leeway to express their own talents.

In short, the Chaillost production was a merry evening in the theatre, perhaps even more so than Jarry may have intended. This is the only aspect of Topor's excellent reading that gave pause — with leaders who deserve to be savagely satirised still very much present in Europe, isn't *Ubu Roi* a matter for more serious concern than the harmless laughter induced by the Chaillost production?

BENJAMIN IVRY

MUSEUMS: BONN

Small town builds on a capital idea

Koenig natural history collection, which was used as the first meeting place for the Bundestag, and passing by a brand new museum of German modern history.

Outside the new museum, along the B9, the design included 11 large metal columns, which were to represent the states of the federal republic.

The trouble with the design, and with the dream of Bonn's city fathers, is that in the six years since building began, unification has taken place. 16 metal columns have had to be erected and Bonn is no longer the capital of Germany.

A noisy demonstration of local citizens chanted their

slogan "into the gallery below. This produces an even, gentle daylight without glare or risk to the art."

Although the post-1945 period will form the central core of the collection, the gallery has important works by Max Ernst — who was born just up the road in Bühl — and by August Macke and others of the Rhine Expressionists. Paintings constitute the bulk of the exhibition, but the gallery has also decided to include the electronic media, and a collection of art videos has been started.

For all its innovations and its enthusiastic presentation, however, the gallery on its own cannot challenge Berlin as a culture capital. Had Bonn become the seat of government, it would have been a worthy addition to the facilities. Now it is just a large gallery for a small town in Germany.

IAN MURRAY

CINEMA: SODANKYLA, FINLAND

Sun but no stars

tempting to turn back to the screen to recover one's sense of reality. One afternoon, I glanced out my hotel window to find a sun-struck reindeer meandering past. It was followed, a few moments later, by a pure white rabbit.

The intent of the festival is also a bit fantastical, given the current state of the cinema. Unlike most contemporary film festivals — which might all be better called film markets — Sodankyla is geared simply for film lovers, and

especially film lovers who like to party. The majority of screenings were retrospectives, all the official guests were independents and the closest thing to a starlet present was Antti Reini, the male lead of *Il Capitano*, the latest film from Sweden's Jan Troell, who was given a tribute.

Fittingly, the non-Scandinavians being honoured were two film-makers renowned for singularly prolific and independent work: Roger Corman, the American king of the

B-movie (*The Little Shop of Horrors* and *Bloody Mama*), and Claude Chabrol, co-king of the Nouvelle Vague.

When questioned on the subject, both film-makers appeared amazed at the very suggestion that the "indie" might be forced out of existence. Chabrol conceded that it was difficult for the European film today to find its way among the strong American film market and added that he himself found many studio films amusing and impressively well-made. Still, he concluded, Hollywood films were "a little like Canada Dry: the colour of alcohol, but without any alcohol in them".

ANNE ROSTON

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QUIZ ANSWERS AND WINNERS

The answers to last week's short break quiz questions were:

THURSDAY. 1. Jardin du Champ de Mars. 2. 3 million. 3. Sorbonne (more detailed answers were accepted).
FRIDAY. 1. I.M. Pei. 2. Pere Lachaise. 3. (Dôme des Invalides)
SATURDAY. 1. Rodin. 2. Louvre. 3. Pantheon

The winners, who will enjoy return flights to Paris and luxury two-night stays in Copthorne hotels, were: Mr M.C. Cree, Portsmouth.

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A mother explores madness

Anne Deveson's son died aged 24 after a seven-year struggle with schizophrenia. Now she has written a book about making sense of what happened. Liz Gill reports

Madness can happen to the best of us, even the loved, the gifted, the bright. It happened to Jonathan Deveson, who for his last seven years lived a life of torment.

The words are from a book by his mother, the Australian writer and broadcaster Anne Deveson, which begins: "This is a story about a journey into madness. It was a journey where my son became a will-o-the-wisp leading us all into brambles and boglands. Now you see him, now you don't."

"Tell me, tell me, Anne, tell me I'm here. Open your right eye only when you're telling the truth," Jonathan had schizophrenia. He was 17 when he first became ill. His journey took him to lands of mythical happenings. The demons that plagued him were capricious, and he could not order their behaviour. Sometimes they brought him delight, more often they plunged him into horror.

"My journey after him took me down a labyrinth of passages, each labelled 'cure'. I never found one. Jonathan died of a drug overdose when he was 24."

Anne Deveson originally intended to write a general book on schizophrenia on which she had become a reluctant expert, marshalling the energy and intelligence that had brought career accolades and seats on government commissions to help set up Schizophrenia Australia.

But it was perhaps inevitable that the personal element should take over. The result is a powerful intertwining of the complexities surrounding an illness which strikes one in a hundred with the single human tragedy of a young man's disintegration.

She had, she says, many reasons for writing it: to increase understanding, to challenge taboos, to raise cash for something which accounts for three quarters of all mental disorders but which is still near the bottom of research priorities. In Australia the book prompted one donation of A\$500,000 (£202,000); the British publishers, Penguin, will make a donation (they will not say how much exactly) to the charity Sane (Schizophrenia: a national emergency) for each copy sold and Ms Deveson will match their contribution from her royalties.

"I wanted people to know what it is like when mental illness hits a family. Most have little idea of what really happens when someone you love goes mad, of the maelstroms that can engulf you. All too often there's a distressing gap between the

professional perception and the actual experience.

"Whenever I speak about the illness I'm overwhelmed by letters of distress. Each one could be multiplied a thousandfold. There have been improvements. We know now that it is not witchcraft or neuroses or upbringing but an illness of the brain like Alzheimer's, but there is still massive neglect and stigma. We are frightened of madness because we are frightened of things we cannot control."

She also wanted to make sense of what had happened. "There was the feeling that I had passed through something profound and I wanted to record it. While it's happening it's a lot of different things, a medical diagnosis, a family crisis. There are small shafts of understanding but by writing it all down you have more chance of seeing it as a whole."

It took her a year, working from scraps of paper and notes she had kept at the time along with messages from Jonathan.

"People ask if it was therapeutic. In some ways perhaps it must have been but I had worked through all that already as much as you ever can. In fact it was bloody scary because it meant reliving periods I would rather forget. I had to pace myself because I felt so grey and depressed, as if everything was imploding."

Ms Deveson, now 61, never felt she might be responsible for his illness, although at the time — Jonathan died in 1986 — it was still thought to be related to parenting; but she has agonised over whether she did enough. "Every now and then I think 'if only I had done this' or 'why didn't I do that' but I have been down those roads so many times. I think ultimately what happens is that you do the best you can and in those circumstances most people are quite extraordinary."

In fact she raced not just round Australia but to England, America and India in the search for a solution. "You go through bursts of action which make you feel better. But there came a time when I realised my desire could become an obsession that would impede my relationship with my son."

"If you're always wanting to change someone — and we do it to our children who are not ill — you have no time just to be together. One lesson for me was that there are some things you cannot fix. When ever I'd had problems before I'd always thought there must be a solution."

Ms Deveson had to manage as a single parent (she and Jonathan's father were already divorced and he later died), bringing up a younger



Scary: Anne Deveson's word for the experience of writing about her son. "I had to pace myself because I felt so grey and depressed, as if everything was imploding"

son and daughter and doing a demanding job as well as dealing with Jonathan's decline into vagrancy, drug abuse and physical illness. "It was appallingly lonely but I learnt to ask for help. I'd always thought I was Madame Cope No Matter What. Some good has come out of it for me. I am wiser and stronger but I would rather have found another way."

In schizophrenia the mechanism that filters messages to the brain is imperfect. "So schizophrenics get more noise. It is quite extraordinary and exhausting. It is important not to romanticise mental illness but what is fascinating about schizophrenia or any psychotic state is that the person is experiencing altered states of consciousness which are mostly terrifying but which at times I imagine are exhilarating and profound. The tragedy is that the terrors far outweigh the good moments and the sufferers have no bridge to cross back to our reality."

Though the book is full of people's efforts and kindnesses, Ms Deveson feels that in the end the system failed her son: he would not go voluntarily to hospital and no one would commit him for the time needed. "He was severely ill and became so, as do many, at an age when it is natural to be rebellious and question everything. We didn't know as much as we know now and there was little community support. There was no information or strategies about how to live and work with it."

"By the end he was chronically ill and it was almost impossible to have a conversation with him that was not totally bizarre, though the last conversation I did have with him



Unconditional love: Jonathan and Anne

was completely articulate. I almost sensed that he was giving up, that he felt it was all too hard, whereas he had always been a fighter till then."

Despite the horrors of the preceding years — Jonathan's suffering, his outlandish behaviour, his physical and verbal violence towards her and others — his mother felt no relief at all at his death. "Perhaps you might if someone had cancer and was riddled with pain — and this was another kind of pain — but ultimately you do not want someone you love to die."

His sister Georgia and brother Joshua, then 20 and 17, were devastated, as they had been by the whole experience of dealing with Jonathan's schizophrenia. "It was very difficult for them and they were often short-changed in terms of time and attention, though not love. They had to grow up too fast."

'Suddenly there is the boy you watched grow up and then he disappears again'

because their calls for help have been rejected. You would not wait until a leg was gangrenous before you treated a wound."

Tell Me I'm Here is a fierce book as well as a compassionate one. It is full of private pain and public rage but it is not despairing. Much has improved, says Ms Deveson, even in the last few years: a greater willingness among patients and their families to speak out; remarkable progress in managing the illness.

"People can be helped to develop strategies to cope with visual and auditory hallucinations; music to drown out voices for instance; rocking to soothe the terrors; a way of pacing, if they need to pace, that will not frighten everyone else. But help is still patchy or inappropriate or not enough. And we are still so fearful."

On a personal level she thinks the writing helped her towards some serenity. "I didn't intend it as a memorial to Jonathan and I don't want to sound Pollyanna-ish but I came to feel that although his life was short and one we would never have chosen it still encompassed love and joy and wonder as well as all the awfulness. It also made me think about the nature of mother love and that in the end it is unconditional. That does not mean unconditional acceptance of his behaviour because it is always important to set limits; and it doesn't mean to say that I didn't hate him at times. But it is love that endures, no matter what happens, in a way that I don't think it does with a partner. And I know he knew that."

Tell Me I'm Here is published by Penguin on June 29 at £5.59.

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Sparkling tour

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Fighting the fight over again

Sarah Weddington is trying to uphold her landmark legal victory



Dedicated to "pro-choice": attorney Sarah Weddington

Friends call her "Paulette Revere." Others believe that Sarah Weddington, aged 47, a lawyer, lecturer and former national civil servant, is locked in the devil's clutches and say prayers for her redemption.

Ms Weddington became famous — or infamous, depending on your point of view — on January 22, 1973, when, aged 27, she argued her first case, a landmark decision, before the US Supreme Court. The result of *Roe v Wade* was that American women, for the first time, were constitutionally guaranteed the right to choose. In private, whether to continue or terminate a pregnancy.

Now, that right is under threat. Before their July recess, the Supreme Court is expected to rule in a Pennsylvania case, *Planned Parenthood v Casey*, which Ms Weddington believes deliberately creates a loophole to weaken *Roe v Wade*. At the start of the October term, a case making abortion illegal in the US territory of Guam is expected to be heard and then, after the November elections, a verdict may be issued to overturn *Roe v Wade* entirely.

From 1978 to 1981, she worked in the White House as assistant to President Carter, where her impact on national policy remains. As an adviser on women's issues she pressed for more women judges and the increased role of women in the armed forces; and she set up the national programme on domestic violence.

She is concerned about the Guam case. "It is the closest to the old Texas statute that was overturned in *Roe v Wade*. It says 'no abortion' except to save the life of a woman — and has defined that very narrowly. That is the case I think in which the issue will finally be decided."

"Under *Roe v Wade*, the court has said the state cannot interfere with a woman's decision unless the state can prove

a compelling reason to do so. "In other words, the burden has been on the state to justify any interference. Now the court could say, 'although abortion is a matter of privacy, the state can do anything that's reasonable'. That totally changes what you allow the states to do. Reasonable can mean anything."

The American electorate, she says, can turn the issue round at the polls. She supports Bill Clinton, but finds H Ross Perot acceptable because of his "pro-choice" stance. "Twenty-one years ago if anyone had told me I would be talking about the Roe case today, I would not have believed them."

Ronald Reagan, she says, sounded the death knell for "pro-choice". "I think many in the Republican-right who were not very concerned about abortion became willing to oppose it if that's what it took to put themselves into power."

"George Bush was not opposed to abortion or *Roe v Wade* until 1980. My assumption has always been that someone said to him, that if you want to be the vice-president for Ronald Reagan this is one of the things we've got to get straight."

In 1974 she was divorced from Ron Weddington, also a lawyer, who helped her with the abortion case. Her life is dedicated to "pro-choice". She did, once, want to take a different leading role. Before the filming of the television movie, *Roe v Wade*, she waged, for once, a losing battle. She wanted to play herself. "Hollywood said I was too old."

JOSEPH DUMAS

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Why women's colleges have difficulties raising funds

After three months of mass protests in the quads, silent vigils and T-shirts saying: "Somervillians have got enough balls. We don't need to go mixed." Somerville girls have been given a stay of execution by the Oxford University Chancellor, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. The college will remain single sex for at least another two years.

The reason advanced by the governing body for breaking the 113-year tradition of women only at the Oxford college was that it would raise standards and sponsorship. "Women's colleges' poor relation status goes back to their conception. They all had to rely on willpower to get their colleges going rather than large endowments from royal, (All Souls), bishops (Exeter), former statesmen (Churchill) or TV rental magnates (Robinson). Lucy Cavendish College in Cambridge started with £3,000 27 years ago."

Another problem is the alumni. The alumni of women's colleges while often influential are not as able, it seems, to donate money to their alma maters as men.

Ruth Fuller-Sessions, an accountant who graduated from St Hilda's in 1989, says: "Most earlier alumni just didn't have the money to give. The women coming out of St Hilda's now are just as likely as men to go into lucrative careers and there is a great sense of loyalty from old girls."

Margaret Thatcher proved the point by endowing her old college, Somerville, with a conference centre.

Girls of slender means

says Lady Lloyd, the chairman of the St Hilda's College Centenary Appeal. "Women's education is not as valued as it should be. The £2 million we aim to raise is just for the day-to-day business of keeping our fellowships going."

The financial argument for going mixed is that more fellowships will become available and sponsorship will be easier to attract for a mixed college. When Girton College in Cambridge became mixed, facilities blossomed — there was a new squash court, a new bar, pastureland became sportsfields and it was easier to attract fellowships.

But Lady Lloyd and Ingrid Thomas, St Hilda's development officer, do not think that co-education is the answer. "We could never compete with the old established colleges' endowments," Ms Thomas says. "I think the tide is turning, people are beginning to realise the value of all-women establishments."

One college that has done well out of committing itself to staying single-sex is Lucy Cavendish. The college was founded specifically for older women to have the chance to further their education. The principal Dame Anne Warburton says: "This is a mission which creates a lot of sympathy among men and women. Our 500 alumni are also very

generous and we get many legacies. One woman has just left us £1 million, our yearly day-to-day budget requirement. It isn't a case of agonising over the tenth tennis court but how to build a proper dining hall."

Although most of the argument over Somerville has centred on the relative merits of single-sex education, anyone who really cares about Somerville, and Newnham, New Hall, St Hilda's and Lucy Cavendish remaining as bastions of female enterprise should offer fewer nostalgic moans and more hard cash.

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Court of Appeal

Time limits can be evolved

Cannon v Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Knox, Mr A. C. Blythton and Miss C. Holroyd [Judgment June 17]

Time limits, in respect of claims arising under Community law where a member state had failed to remedy discriminatory legislation as required by Community law, could be evolved, if necessary, by analogy with statutory or common law limitation periods for similar claims, and where the respondent was a state emanation such time limit could not start running until the failure to comply had been made good.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the estate of the late Mrs Constance Cannon from the decision of a Sheffield industrial tribunal in May 1990 dismissing for want of jurisdiction Mrs Cannon's complaint of sex discrimination in relation to a deduction from a redundancy payment made by her employers, Barnsley Metropolitan Council, in 1985.

When Mrs Cannon, a head teacher, was made redundant £3,673 was deducted from her redundancy payment, pursuant to Schedule 4 to the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act

1978, as she was aged 59.

Mr Paul Harris, assigned by the Free Representation Unit, for Mrs Cannon's estate; the council did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that so far as domestic law was concerned, the deduction had been correctly made. The relevant provisions for the 1978 Act clearly discriminated between men and women in that the reductions were operative for women between 59 and 60, whereas they only applied to men between 64 and 65.

The discriminatory treatment was an infringement of Directive No 75/117/EEC on equal pay and Directive No 76/207/EEC on equal treatment. The domestic law was changed by section 16(2) of the Employment Act 1989 which was made operative on January 16, 1990.

Where legislation in a member state was discriminatory in a manner contrary to the requirements of Directives made pursuant to the EC Treaty, there was the possibility of enforcement by a citizen against a "emanation of the state" even if, notwithstanding the absence of a right in the domestic law, the industrial tribunal had

erred in saying that Mrs Cannon's claim was specifically brought under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, which imposed a three-year time limit. Mrs Cannon had made it clear that she was relying on the Directives in advancing her claim.

Where there was a right under European law as opposed to domestic law, the principle applicable to the imposition of time limits had been authoritatively considered by the European Court of Justice in Case No 202/90 *Emmott v Minister for Social Welfare* [1991] 1 IRLR 387.

The situation was that there was no relevant provision in the national law setting out a particular time limit in respect of claims under European law. But it did not follow that any claim under European law could be made at any point of time.

In principle, English law was perfectly capable of evolving, if necessary by analogy to statutory or common law periods, a time limit for the bringing of claims which were similar but sufficiently different from those not to fall within the strict letter of the limitation period.

Accordingly, it would not be an insuperable task to take from the 1978 Act the time limits for

making claims for redundancy payments.

The decision in *Emmott* regulated the critical question of the point in time from which the time limit ran.

It could have been argued that it should run from the introduction of the relevant Directives or possibly from the date of the decisions which made clear that claims such as Mrs Cannon's could be made under European law, notwithstanding the absence of a right in English domestic law.

But *Emmott* made it clear that the state and its emanations were disabled from relying on any such running of time right down to the day when the failure of the state to comply with the Directive had been made good.

The making good by Parliament of the discriminatory treatment between men and women in relation to the reduction of redundancy payments occurred only one month and 12 days before Mrs Cannon's originating application was presented.

No system of law would have introduced a shorter time limit. Accordingly, the application had not been made out of time, and Mrs Cannon's claim for the repayment of the amount deducted should succeed.

Security and Investments Board v Pantell and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Scott and Lord Justice Slynn

[Judgment June 12]

Sections 6(2) and 6(11) of the Financial Services Act 1986 conferred on the court jurisdiction to make restitutionary orders for the repayment to investors of money lost against a person knowingly contravening certain provisions of the Act, even though that person had not been a recipient of the money invested.

Such orders could be made against solicitors acting for companies contravening the Act if it could be established that the solicitors were thus "knowingly concerned".

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by the third, fourth and fifth defendants, all solicitors, from the dismissal by Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division, [1991] 3 WLR 857, of their summons to strike out, as disclosing no reasonable cause of action, relief claimed against them by the plaintiff, the Security and Investments Board (SIB) in an action commenced against two overseas companies, in which the solicitors were subsequently joined as defendants.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, appeared for the plaintiff, the SIB. Mr David Oliver, QC, and Mr Thomas Lowe for the SIB.

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT said that for the purposes of the striking-out application the facts alleged by the SIB in its statement of claim had to be assumed to be correct and were as follows:

From about April 1988 to March 1989 the first defendant, Pantell had distributed a series of advertisements in other persons' newspapers in the United Kingdom to purchase shares in European American Corporation Inc, a company incorporated in Utah, USA. Those advertisements had contained a number of false and misleading statements.

The third defendant was a firm of solicitors. The third defendant was, or had been, the partner in charge of the London office. The fourth defendant was, or had been, an assistant solicitor at that office. It was alleged in the statement of claim that at all material times since 1988 or thereabouts the fifth defendant had been retained by

and had acted for, *inter alia*, Pantell.

The carrying on by Pantell of an unauthorised investment business in the United Kingdom was a contravention of section 3 of the Financial Services Act 1986.

The publication of misleading advertisements was a contravention of section 47. Moreover, the advertisements had not been approved by an authorised person. That was a contravention of section 57. The purchase or sale of issue to subscribers of shares in consequence of unsolicited telephone calls was a contravention of section 56.

The Act not only imposed criminal sanctions for contraventions of its various provisions but also provided remedies for investors who entered into share transactions as a result of the contraventions. There were provisions of a restitutionary character, with which the instant case was concerned, designed to restore to investors the money lost as a result of the contraventions. There were provisions of a restitutionary character, with which the instant case was concerned, designed to restore to investors the money lost as a result of the contraventions.

Section 6, which dealt with contraventions of section 3, provided remedies which might be invoked by the secretary of state, or by delegation from him, by the SIB. Subsection (2) contained the critical provision so far as the present case was concerned. It provided a restitutionary remedy in the following terms:

"If, on the application of the secretary of state, the court is satisfied that a person has entered into any transaction in contravention of section 3 above the court may order that person and any other person who appears to the court to have been knowingly concerned in the contravention to

take such steps as the court may direct for restoring the parties to the position in which they were before the transaction was entered into."

Section 61 provided remedies for contraventions of, *inter alia*, sections 47, 56 and 57: "(1) If on the application of the secretary of state the court is satisfied—(a) that there is a reasonable likelihood that any persons will contravene any provision of—(i) sections 47, 56, 57 or 59 above; (ii) that any person has contravened any such provision; and (iii) that there are steps which could be taken for remedying the contravention; the court may grant an injunction restraining the contravention... as the case may be, made any order requiring that person and any other person knowingly concerned in the contravention to take such steps as the court may direct to remedy it."

The SIB sought remedies against the third, fourth and fifth defendants under sections 6(2) and 6(11). It was alleged that the solicitors were knowingly concerned in the contraventions of sections 3, 47, 56 and 57.

In his Lordship's judgment, provided the specified pre-condition was met, the only limitations on the type of order that could be made under section 6(2), that were justified by the statutory language, were that the order had to be intended to restore to the parties to the transaction their respective former positions and that the steps directed by the order to be taken had to be reasonably capable of doing so.

An order requiring the contravention to repay the purchase price of the shares would not be capable of restoring the parties to

their respective former positions unless the obligation to repay was made conditional on the tender of the share certificates.

The width of the statutory language, "such steps as the court may direct", was striking and there was no good reason why it should be restricted. Nor, in his Lordship's opinion, did the statutory language warrant any distinction between the type of order that could be made against the contravention and the type of order that could be made against a person knowingly concerned in the contravention.

In particular, the fact that a person knowingly concerned had himself received anything under the transaction in question did not restrict the power of the court to make a section 6(2) order against that person. Similar points arose in relation to section 6(11), although the implications for the instant case were not entirely the same.

It was not, in his Lordship's judgment, a valid objection to the SIB's pleaded case that the solicitors had not themselves received any of the money of the investors that it was proposed they should be ordered to repay. On the main point on the appeal the appellants failed.

Since there were valid objections to certain of the orders sought by the SIB his Lordship thought that the board should have an opportunity of reconsidering the form of its restitutionary or remedial order if it sought to amend its pleadings. He would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Slynn delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Booth & Blackwell.

Duty to provide after-care services

Regina v Ealing District Health Authority, Ex parte F

Before Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment June 11]

A district health authority was under a duty to provide after-care services under section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 when a patient left hospital and it acted unlawfully in failing to seek to make practical arrangements for after care prior to that patient's discharge from hospital, where such arrangements were required by a mental health review tribunal in order to enable the patient to be conditionally discharged from hospital.

Mr Justice Otton so declared in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of F for judicial review of the decision of Ealing District Health Authority not to supply psychiatric supervision in the community for him upon a conditional order being made for his release from Broadmoor Hospital.

In October 1988 the applicant was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and the judge, being satisfied that he was suffering from a mental illness and psychopathic disorder, made a hospital order under sections 37 and 41 of the 1983 Act.

Mr Richard Gordon for F; Mr Nicholas Vineall for Ealing DHA.

MR JUSTICE OTTON said that in July 1991, the Oxford Mental Health Review Tribunal directed "that the patient be conditionally discharged but that such discharge be deferred until the tribunal is satisfied that certain conditions can be met".

However, when the matter was considered by the Ealing DHA they concluded that the applicant should be supervised for at least 18 months in a regional secure unit rather than in the community. The tribunal had stated that any delay in discharging the applicant would cause greater problems in his rehabilitation. That notwithstanding, he was still in Broadmoor and wanted to leave.

The case therefore raised the question whether where a tribunal was prepared to grant a conditional discharge to a Broadmoor patient but the relevant health authority was unable or unwilling to make available care in the community for reasons other than lack of resources, the patient was obliged to remain under maximum security.

To comply with the conditions in the discharge order the applicant would require the services of a

responsible medical officer. The tribunal did not seek to obtain the views or agreement of any doctor who might become such a responsible medical officer in the course of action contemplated.

There were two possible situations in which an doctor could become responsible for the applicant: if he became an outpatient at the regional secure unit for that authority or became the responsibility of the consultant psychiatrist in the area in which he was to reside.

On being asked to fulfil the latter office, a district health authority psychiatrist declined and his views and reasoning were endorsed by colleagues at the regional secure unit and by a consultant psychiatrist in the area in which the applicant intended to live.

In view of that, the health authority wrote to Broadmoor explaining that while the applicant could not be supervised in the community service at the moment, if he received reasonable secure unit provision and supervision for at least 18 months then the responsible medical officer could manage him. That was the decision of which the applicant sought judicial review.

A conditional discharge was not to be confused with conditions in

the order. Once the tribunal was satisfied that the applicant should be conditionally discharged they were obliged to make, and did make, the order.

The district health authority doctors did not agree with the conditions imposed by the tribunal and were disinclined to make the necessary arrangements to supervise the applicant on his release.

There the health authority had to make the matter rest but it was under a duty to make further effort within its own resources and facilities or by at least making enquiry of other health authorities so as to submit practical arrangements to enable the applicant to comply with the condition to be imposed.

Nor was it open to the health authority to contend that there had been an intervening deterioration in the patient's condition putting an end to its obligations since that was met by a reference back to the tribunal under section 71 of the 1983 Act.

There was no reason why a health authority, faced with such a dilemma, could not on its own initiative refer the case to the Home Secretary for his consideration under section 71.

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Planning appeal evidence

Clarke v Secretary of State for the Environment

On appeal to the High Court under section 289 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the court should not itself receive evidence unless it was argued that the respondent, as planning authority, had not properly summarised the evidence or had disregarded evidence.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Boreham) so held on June 12 allowing an appeal by the Environment and Melton Borough Council against a judgment of Mr Mervyn Spence, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, on July 16, 1991 allowing the appeal of Mr D. P. Clarke against the decision of an inspector that a barn on his farm had been constructed

in breach of planning regulations.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said the judge had wrongly made findings of fact on the basis of evidence in an affidavit. An

appeal under section 289 was an appeal on issues of law and it was not for the judge to find that the inspector's findings of fact were absurd or perverse.

Justices were unfair

Regina v Dudley Justices, Ex parte DPP

It was a breach of natural justice for justices to refuse an adjournment of a case and to go on to dismiss informations for want of prosecution where the justices knew that the case had been wrongly listed and that the arrival of a prosecutor was imminent.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Auld) so declared on June 9 in an application by the Director of

Public Prosecutions for judicial review of a decision by Dudley Justices.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that it was axiomatic that the exercise of statutory powers conferred upon justices by sections 10 and 15 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 had to be such as not to contravene natural justice.

Both sides had to be treated fairly. The prosecution had to be allowed to be properly presented. In the instant case the justices had acted with unfairness.

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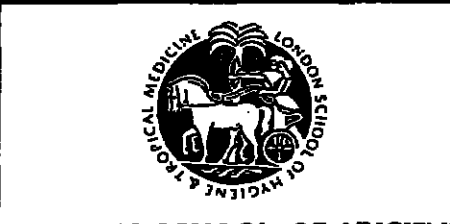
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 9.05 **Perfect Strangers**. American comedy series (r) (6032250) 9.30 **Hot Chefs**. Ker. Har. prepares a Chinese dish. (91231)
 10.00 **News**. regional news and weather (6880811) 10.05 **Playdays**. For the very young (r) (4201044) 10.25 **Bananaman**. Animation (r) (6850226) 10.35 **Beautywise**. With Liz Earle and Karen Kruzanovich. Includes items on new cosmetics for darker skin and the Red Cross beauty care service. (r) (6160296)
 11.00 **News**. regional news and weather (9611366) 11.05 **Travel Show**. Guides. What the Costa del Sol has to offer the holidaymaker (r) (7241219). Wales (r) 12.00. **Crickit**. Glamorgan v Surrey 11.35 **Major Dad**. American comedy series (4423922)
 12.00 **News**. regional news and weather (7758960) 12.05 **Summer Scene**. Presented by Carol Keating and Linda Mitchell from the National Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale. Among the guests is singer Toni Amos. (8288250) 12.55 **Regional News** and weather (60695724)
 1.00 **One O'Clock News**. (Ceefax) Weather (97366) 1.30 **Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (5946347)
 1.50 **Wimbledon 92**. Day three of the championships sees the start of the second round of the men's singles. Introduced by Desmond Lynam (56181705)
 4.10 **Attack of the Killer Tomatoes**. Animation (r) (2501989) 4.35 **The Movie Game**. Inter-school film and video quiz. Taking part are teams from Whaley Bridge Primary, Stockport, Blackminster Middle, Evesham, and Moor Green Junior, Moseley, Birmingham. (Ceefax) (s) (4164434)
 5.00 **Newsround** (6562231) 5.10 **Clowning Around**. Episode five of the eight-part series of the clown from Australia. (Ceefax) (s) (9108434)
 5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (166750). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (279)
 6.30 **Regional News Magazines** (231). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 **Wogan**. Among the guests are singer Neil Diamond and comedian Jonathan Winters (s) (8705)

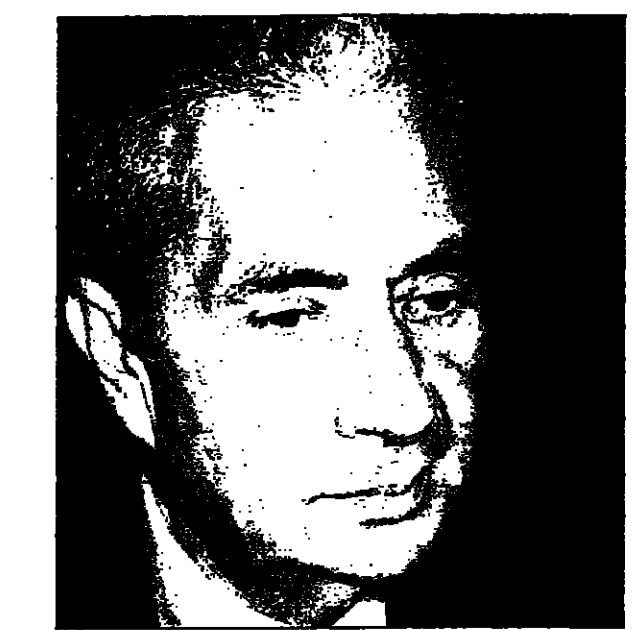


Learning from illness: Lynn Redgrave presents (7.30pm)

- 7.30 **Fighting Back**. The first of a new series in which actress Lynn Redgrave talks to people who have coped with losing their health. This week former **BBC** Fizz singer Mike Nolan talks about his fight against epilepsy following a motor accident. (Ceefax) (s) (415)
 8.00 **Lovely Ian**. Ian McEwan stars as the fly antique dealer, in this episode helping to redecorate a restaurant for an owner whose only asset is his aunt's collection of silver (r). (Ceefax) (971927)
 8.50 **Points of View** presented by Anne Robinson (626231)
 9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Maryn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (6182) 9.30 **CIA**.
 ● **CHOICE**. A six-part series on the Central Intelligence Agency starts at the trivial end by looking at the spy game in post-war Berlin. The Soviet Union had emerged as the new enemy and it had to be infiltrated. Where better than from Berlin, where as one former agent puts it, West met East "belly to belly"? Armed with intelligence seized from the Nazis, the Americans set about tapping telephone lines, parachuting agents into Soviet territory and recruiting defectors. Since the Soviet Union was doing much the same thing, the two initiatives probably cancelled each other out. The programme gives the impression of grown men indulging in schoolboy games. A former spy active in the 1960s admits: "The James Bond films were going on then and we thought it would be nice to be in the same business" (391989)
 10.25 **Today at Wimbledon**. Harry Carpenter and Helen Rollason introduce highlights from day three of the championships. (Ceefax) (s) (714076)
 11.25 **The Country's Rockin'**. Rock 'n' roll country music from the Silverdome Arena in Pontiac, Michigan, featuring Carl Perkins, the Stray Cats, Ted Nugent and Etta Jones (912078). Wales: Crickit - Glamorgan v Surrey 11.55 **This Country's Rockin'** 12.45am **News** and weather
 12.15am **Weather** (8629922)

BBC2

- 6.45 **Open University: Data Models and Data Bases** (9917705). Ends at 7.10
 8.00 **Breakfast News** (1943250)
 8.15 **Westminster**. A round-up of business from both Houses (645786)
 9.00 **Yesterday at Wimbledon**. Highlights of Ladies' Day (r) (25434)
 10.00 **Film: Three Secrets** (1950). (b/w) starring Eleanor Parker, Patricia Neal and Ruth Roman. Tear-jerking drama about a five-year-old boy who survives a plane crash that kills his parents. When it is realised that he is adopted three women arrive at the scene, each believing that he is her son she gave away for adoption five years previously. Directed by Robert Wise (9940181)
 11.35 **A Week to Remember** (b/w). **Patch** News clips from 1952 (7427415)
 11.45 **Orville and Cuddles**. Animation (r) (5048473) 11.50 **Fireman Sam** (r) (7448908)
 12.00 **Wimbledon 92**. Desmond Lynam introduces live action from day three of the championships. The commentators are John Barrett, Mark Cox, Barry Davies, Bill Threlfall, Paul Hutchins, John Alexander and Julian Tutt (647)
 2.10 **Timewatch: Gladio**. The final part of the documentary series exposing the influence of a terrorist network operating throughout Europe. The kidnapping and killing of the Italian prime minister Alberto Moro in 1978 is investigated and the reconstruction of the murder of Belgian supermarket shoppers a few years earlier feature in this programme. (Ceefax) (968453)
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ITV

- 6.00 **TV-am** (1475927)
 9.25 **Cross Wits**. Crossword quiz game hosted by Tom O'Connor (628454) 9.55 **Thames News** (7758231)
 10.00 **Out of This World**. American comedy series about a teenage girl with an alien father and a human mother (61453)
 10.30 **This Morning**. Magazine series (4828107)
 12.10 **Allsorts**. Series for the very young (r) (1264417)
 12.30 **Lunchtime News** with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Rusler. (Oracle) Weather 12:55 1.10 **Thames News** (62685618)
 1.20 **Home and Away**. Australian family drama serial (Oracle) (1274163) 1.50 **A Country Practice**. Medical drama serial set in a small Australian outback town (s) (68713618)
 2.20 **Graham Kerr**. The chef prepares a low-calorie omelette (97756250) 2.50 **Take the High Road** (7253908)
 3.15 **ITN News** headlines (9793927) 3.20 **Thames News** headlines (9783940) 3.25 **The Young Doctors** (3670873)
 3.55 **Garfield and Friends**. Animation (r) (9543095) 4.20 **Follow Your Nose**. Young people are set challenges, this week centred on the North Yorkshire Moors railway. Presented by Amanda Ross (4038569) 4.50 **Scrabble**. Doo. Animation (4001989)
 5.10 **Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers. The question-master is Bob Holmes (8649750)
 5.40 **Early Evening News** with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (221521)
 5.55 **Thames Help** (r) (553208)
 6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle) (347)
 6.30 **Thames News**. (Oracle) (927)
 7.00 **Jimmy's**. More real-life dramas from St James's University Hospital, Leeds (s) (3873)
 7.30 **Coronation Street**. (Oracle) (811)
 8.00 **Hope It Rains**. The first of a new series of the John Esmonde and Bob Larbey comedy starring Tom Bell as an irascible seaside workman; museum owner and Holly Aird as his headstrong god-daughter (2521)
 8.30 **Land of Hope and Gloria**.
 ● **CHOICE**. A new situation comedy by Simon Brett of *After Henry* is set in an English country home which is in a high octane American businessman to rescue its floundering finances. Brett's basic joke is to set her brisk efficiency against the easy-going diffidence of the 16th viscount, while hinting at a possible romance. She is also launched on a collision course with the aristocrat's domineering nanny, who has no time for foreigners in general and Americans in particular. Sheila Ferguson, formerly of the Three Degrees, plays the dynamic new groom, with Andrew Bicknell as the amiable viscount. But the best lines go to the nanny, who is played with bombastic relish by an *After Henry* stalwart, the late Joan Sanderson. It is a gentle, amusing comedy, no less enjoyable for running on predictable lines (s) (8328)
 9.00 **Film: BAT 21** (1988) starring Gene Hackman and Danny Glover. Vietnam war drama about an inexperienced military technician whose plane is shot down in Vietnam country. He has to rely on his wits and radio contact with a helicopter pilot to escape. Directed by Peter Markle. (Continues after the news) (4453)
 10.00 **News** at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (79521) 10.30 **Thames News** (749705)
 10.40 **Film: BAT 21** continued (359298)
 11.40 **Film: Torn Curtain** (1966) starring Paul Newman and Julie Andrews. An Alfred Hitchcock spy thriller about an American scientist who apparently defects to East Germany while attending a conference in Denmark (7701833)
 2.15 **Hollywood Report**. More title-tattle from Tinseltown (16583)
 2.45 **America's Funniest Home Videos** (s) (115854)
 3.40 **VideoPlus**. Inter-sub and club competition (21060309)
 4.10 **Grand Ole Opry**. Country and western music from Nashville, Tennessee (s) (33887305)
 4.40 **Fifty Years On** (b/w). Vintage news clips (58254816)
 5.00 **Three's Company**. American comedy series (89922)
 5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Bridget Rowe (34309). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 **Channel 4 Daily** (1477569)
 9.25 **Schools** (84694076)
 12.00 **The Parliament Programme** presented by Anne Perkins (76434)
 12.30 **Business Daily**. The latest news and analysis from the world's financial centres (95057)
 1.00 **Sesame Street**. Pre-school learning series (r) (16510)
 2.00 **Film: Tales of Manhattan** (1942). Directed by Charles Boyer. Rita Hayworth, Ginger Rogers and Henry Fonda. Comedy drama made up of five unrelated stories involving the owners of a tail coat. Directed by Julien Duvivier (31755057)
 4.05 **Away for the Day**. Vintage British Transport documentary exploring the joys of coach trips throughout Britain (4024366)
 4.30 **Fifteen to One**. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz presented by William G. Stewart (724)
 5.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show**. The guests are women who claim they have been sexually harassed by their landlords (s) (5762328)
 5.55 **Laurel and Hardy**. Cartoon (544250)
 6.00 **Kate and Allie**. More comedy from the Greenwich Village divorcees (989)
 6.30 **The Best of the Word**. Featuring Sandra Bernhard, Antonio Banderas, Barry White and the Happy Mondays (569)
 7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Anne Perkins. (Teletext) Weather (505811)
 7.50 **Party Political Comment** from a Plaid Cymru politician (896163)
 8.00 **Brookside**. Soap set in a suburban Liverpool. (Teletext) (s) (2273)
 8.30 **Check Out '92**. Mike Embley investigates Jerry safety (9298)
 9.00 **Out**.
 ● **CHOICE**. The lesbian and gay series returns, again raising the question of whether it is trying sex converts or mainly practicing the converted. The main item will be certainly be contentious, a defence of gay pornography against charges of books, videos and magazines by the customs and police. The argument is that contrary to Mrs Mary Whitehouse and script Michael Hames, head of the Obscene Publications Squad, there is no link between gay porn and sex crimes. We also have a profile of Rita Lynch, a lesbian singer and songwriter. Accused of being obsessed with sex she happily pleads guilty and warns us that her lyrics are explicit. Since they are difficult to decipher, we have to take her word for it. Filmed during a British tour, she says her dream is to see an "out" lesbian performer in the pop charts. (Teletext) (8415)
 10.00 **The Golden Girls**. Comedy series about four Miami matrons of an uncertain age (r) (Teletext) (77163)



Dreaming of an ordinary son: Rosemary Leach (10.30pm)

- 10.30 **Bunch of Five: Shall We Gather at the River**.
 ● **CHOICE**. Tonight's sitcom pilot may not have you falling out of your armchair but it does have the virtue of originality. There cannot have been many television comedies built around a boy's obsession with funerals. Young Herbert (Gwyneth Hopton) goes to as many as he can find, to the dismay of mum (Rosemary Leach) who wishes he would stay at home and watch *Blue Peter*. Timothy Keen's script squanders the dark humour implicit in the theme, and works in a neat plot about an embarrassing incident from the past involving Herbert's gran (Beryl Reid). Keen may turn out to be his own worst enemy. A pilot suggests the possibility of a series. Keen resolves his tale so comprehensively that it is hard to see how he can take the idea further (s) (88811)
 11.00 **Mojo Working**. The first of a 13-part exploration of the roots of modern music (s) (1637)
 11.30 **Sidley Moments on Tour** with Julian Clary. Off-beat game show (s) (527057)
 12.15am **Four Nations UK**. Three animations - *Toxic* (5770545), *Cocomopop* (5794125) and *Nursery Rhymes* (r) (8975274)
 12.45 **Film: Some Kind of Hero** (1981) starring Richard Pryor and Margot Kidder. Comedy drama about a Vietnam war soldier who returns home after six years as a prisoner-of-war to find it difficult to adjust to the life of a civilian. Directed by Michael Pressman (973835). Ends at 2.30

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 6.00am **The A1** (1975/537) 8.40 **Mr Peppercorn** (1121786) 8.55 **Lamb Chop** (1975/537) 9.30 **Play-A-Long** (5782153) 9.30 **The Pyramid Game** (48163) 10.00 **Let's Make a Deal** (89845) 10.30 **The Road and the Beach** (16076) 11.00 **The Young and the Restless** (11960) 12.00 **St. Elsewhere** (38785) 1.00pm **50 Cent** (22076) 1.30 **Genie** in the house of Roseanne Barr's revelations, mothers who sexually abuse their children (53347) 2.30 **Another World** (725225) 3.15 **The Brady Bunch** (32689) 3.45 **The D.I. Kar. Show** (4872076) 5.00 **Faces of Life** (1811) 5.30 **Diffrent Strokes** (1144) 6.00 **Love in the Street** (0007) 6.30 **50 Cent** (22076) 7.00 **Let's Make a Deal** (89845) 7.30 **Candid Camera** (1151) 8.00 **Battleground** (1151) 8.30 **Chances** (52499) 10.00 **Studs** (16647) 10.30 **Doctor** (17795) 11.00 **Tarantino** (72459)

SKY NEWS

- Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 News on the hour. 6.00am News (2004618) 9.30 **Lightning** (45705) 10.00 **Dayline** (92827) 10.30 **Fashion TV** (49143) 11.30 **Japan Business Today** (4222095) 11.45 **International Business Report** (1169989) 12.00pm **Good Morning America** (43960) 1.30 **Good Morning America** (51989) 2.30 **Parliament Live** (7209992) 3.15 **Parliament Live** (2302258) 4.30 **Fashion TV** (8434) 5.00 **Live in the 42nd Street** (40657) 5.30 **Fashion TV** (75811) 10.30 **Newsline** (19521) 11.30 **ABC News** (71873) 12.30 **Newsline** (77941) 1.30 **ABC News** (86729) 2.30 **Beyond 2000** (77033) 3.30 **ABC News** (86747) 4.30 **Beyond 2000** (90039) 5.30 **Newsline** (62393)
SKY MOVIES+
 ● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00am **Showcase** (3203163)
 10.00 **Live under the Sun** (1981). Hercule Poirot: investigations (53595)

22.00 A Warm December (1973). Romantic melodrama (16927)

- 2.00pm **Attack on the Iron Coast** (1968). Second world war thriller (92908)
 4.00 **Come Home Spring** (956). A pennant alcohol returns home (84297)
 5.45 **Five Under the Sun** (1981). Hercule Poirot investigates (8823232)
 7.00 **Entertainment Tonight** (286279)
 8.00 **Any Man's Death** (1990). Political thriller (84989)
 10.00 **Piranha** (1978). Spoof of *Jaws* (52563)
 11.00 **Emmanuelle 4** (1984). Erotic adventures (542398)
 12.00 **Steam Heat and Love** (1990). Horror thriller (84125)
 2.00 **Hard to Kill** (1990). A cop seeks revenge (800496)
 4.15 **Lean On Me** (1989). Morgan Freeman & a sympathetic teacher (632019). To 5.30
THE MOVIE CHANNEL
 ● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 5.15am **The Tender Trap** (1955). Romantic comedy (609389)
 8.15 **Hey There**. It's Yogi Berra! Animated adventures (709453)
 10.15 **Challenge To Be Free** (1974). Action adventure in the tundra (796989)
 12.15am **Kissin' Cousins** (1957). Elvis Presley in a musical comedy (76011)
 2.15 **Columbus: Unconquered**. The Crown (1990). Another case for the cop in the dirty max (304045)
 4.15 **Abraham: The Great** (1961). Japanese animation (27181328)
 5.50 **Spotlight** (240751)
 6.15 **Children of the Bible** (1990). Family drama about a widow who wants to marry a younger man (8899258)
 8.05 **New York Stories** (1989). Directed by Martin Scorsese, Francis Ford Coppola and Woody Allen (5193774)
 11.15 **Children of Sanchez** (1979). Family drama with Anthony Quinn as a man struggling to raise his family (219415)
 12.15pm **In the Best Interests of the Child** (1990). Family drama (147019)
 3.30 **A Dry White Season** (1989). Anti-apartheid drama (788516). To 5.15
THE COMEDY CHANNEL
 ● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 4.00pm **Mr D** (182) 4.30 **Pinky Brewster** (9356) 5.00 **Gene Kelly** (54164)
 New Leave it to Beaver (778) 6.00 **Belvedere** (2001) 6.30 **Three's Company** (1011) 7.00 **One Day** (8219) 7.30 **One Day** (8219) 8.00 **One Day** (8219) 8.30 **One Day** (8219) 9.00 **Working It Out** (8144) 9.30 **Hogan's Heroes** (47900) 10.00 **Hogan's Heroes** (47900) 10.30 **Mr. Belvedere** (95659) 10.50 **Comedian** (6050250) 2.00pm **Last Dance** (68816)

SKY SPORTS

- Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.30am **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **American Sports** (77908) 8.00 **Inside Hurdle** (78637) 8.30 **Streak** (45453) 9.30 **Wet Body** (50495) 10.00 **Tennis** (66434) 11.00 **Talk Back** (85144) 11.30 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **Streak** (45453) 9.00 **Streak** (45453) 10.00 **Streak** (45453) 11.00 **Streak** (45453) 12.00 **Streak** (45453) 1.00 **Streak** (45453) 2.00 **Streak** (45453) 3.00 **Streak** (45453) 4.00 **Streak** (45453) 5.00 **Streak** (45453) 6.00 **Streak** (45453) 7.00 **Streak** (45453) 8.00 **St**